Can U.S. Persuade Eastern Europe to Be Patient on NATO?

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service.

BONN — As President Bill Clinton and other NATO leaders prepare for a summit meeting in Brussels next week to try to define a new post-Cold War role for the alliance, the key question, according to many Western officials and diplomats, is this:

Will the U.S. proposal for a Partnership for Peace between the alliance and all the former Communist countries on the Continent, including Russia, convince the leaders of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary that the way is open for them to join later as full members. despite Russian objections?

If it does convince them, and if the Russians also accept a closer association with the allies as part of the Partnership, then Mr. Clinton can count the Brussels meeting a success when he leaves Jan. 11, and sell it as one when he flies on to Prague and Moscow.

But if the proposal is not presented convincingly, in the view of many Europeans from both

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sides of the former fron Curtain, the emerging land stated the East Europeans' concerns in an democracies of Eastern Europe will see themselves as once again sacrificed on the alter of great-power interests because Washington is more worried about Moscow's needs than about their own.

Though it may come as a surprise to those who wonder why anybody cares about NATO

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at all, now that the Cold War is over, many East and West Europeans view the alliance as a source of protection not only from neoimperia-lism in Russia, but also from the instability that ultranationalism and ethnic conflict unleashed in Eastern Europe after communism collapsed.

Even though NATO has not been able to stop the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, most Europeans still look to the alliance as the best hope of deterring similar conflicts elsewhere, and will view the summit declaration as a cru-

Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski of Po-

"Poland is against the isolation of Russia," Mr. Olechowski wrote, "A strong and democratic Russia will be the strongest guarantee of peace and stability in Europe. We are not afraid of Russia, but of objective situations that could provoke her to behave in a way threatening to Poland. Such a situation is the security vacuum

that now exists in Central Europe." The Partnership for Peace will be welcome in Warsaw, Mr. Olechowski wrote, but only if it opens up the prospect of something more. "It should spell out the final goal - membership in the Atlantic alliance for those who meet the established criteria," he said. In an interview in Brussels, the U.S. ambas-

sador to NATO, Robert E. Hunter, said Mr. Olechowski's conditions would be met. "In the declaration, there will be a form of ords that makes clear that NATO is prepared

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Can't Expand Now, General Warns

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Shairkashvili, warned Tuesday that immediate expansion of the NATO alliance could have a destabilizing effect on Europe.

Defending the administration's plan to invite nonalliance nations to participate in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization without granting them military protections. he said that "membership to some and exclusion of others would be counter" to Europe's best interests.

"NATO has never been a closed society." he said. "We hope that the process can lead to an extension of membership but who. when and how - it's a premature question." "Accepting some and leaving some out, a: this critical period of time," he said, "I think

is counter to building security and stability

in all of Europe."

He added: "I think it is important that everyone understand, and I hope that our newfound friends in the East will understand, that the reason that partnership is defined as it is is to avoid at all costs the establishment of a new line, a new division that in turn, then, would create new tensions and fuel new conflicts."

Several East European nations have asked for admission to the alliance, a request made more urgently after the rise of the extreme Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirin-

President Clinton will send General Shalikashvili to try to persuade East European countries to stop demanding immediate NATO membership. Page 6.

Outspoken **UN General** Withdrawn From Bosnia

Senior Belgian Officer Had Complained About Inability to Intervene

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispetches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - The Sarajevo-based Belgian general in charge of UN forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina is to be with-drawn. Brussels said Tuesday, amid outspoken complaints by him and other top peacekeepers

over their powerlessness to intervene in the war. Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont was due to end his term as military commander here in July, but Belgium said Tuesday it wanted to recall him.

The move was condemned by a top Bosnian government official. Ejup Ganic, No. 2 to President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, said Belgium's decision showed that the international community was not taking the crisis in Bosnia serious-

Mr. Ganic said that every time a UN representative got to grips with the Bosnian problem

he was replaced.

A UN spokesman said in New York that General Briquemont had asked to be relieved of his post for personal reasons and that a successor was being considered.

Defense Minister Leo Delcroix of Belgium told the Belgian VTM television network that General Briquemont had asked in mid-December whether he could return home in January. "Briquemont has already been there for six months, in the heart of Sarajevo virtually without night's rest." Mr. Delcroix said. "There's shooting day and night. It's a very demanding job so it's logical that after a half year you are

The withdrawal of General Briquemont followed an interview he gave last week in which

"I don't read the Security Council resolu-tions any more because they don't help me." He added: There is a fantastic gap between the resolutions of the Security Council, the will to execute those resolutions and the means available to commanders in the field."

Belgian defense officials had said earlier that Brussels had asked for General Briquemont to return because he was needed to help restructure his country's defense force.

General Briouemont's predecess UN's top soldier in Bosnia, General Paillippe Morilion or France, had also frequently expressed anger at the lack of means to protect civilians in Bosnia and stop attacks on UN aid

Belgium's decision came as Sarajevo trembled under heavy shelling that killed nine peo-ple, and UN officials prepared to double the number of airdrops to Bosnians threatened by cold and starvation.

Serbian bombardment of the city, along with fighting between Muslim-led government and Croatian forces in central Bosnia, continued to make a mockery of what was supposed to be a

"This has been one of the most difficult days for us," said Dr. Naim Kadic, duty doctor at Kosevo Hospital, where surgeons routinely op-

erate without light or heat.
Across Bosnia, 106 people were killed and 407 wounded during the 12-day holiday truce period that ended early Tuesday, Bosnian radio said. That included 39 dead and 200 wounded

in Sarajevo, where at least 26 lives have been lost since the New Year started. The announcement of the move on General quemont comes at a delicate moment for NATO. Leaders of the alliance are to meet in Brussels next week to discuss a new role for the alliance in the post-Cold War world. Some

officials fear that attention could be drawn to the alliance's lack of power to do anything See BALKANS, Page 6

Japanese Banks Deeper in Debt Than They Had Acknowledged If the figures are correct, the banks would actually hold 15.948 trillion yeu in nonperform-

TOKYO — Japan's commercial banks are holding 6.7 trillion yen (\$59.6 billion) more in nonperforming loans than they reported this fall, according to one of two reports Tuesday that revealed new depths to the banking sys-tem's bad-debt troubles.

ing loans, 72 percent more than previously acknowledged. The report, in the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper, was not demed Tuesday.

In the second report, the agency set up by
Japanese banks a year ago to absorb bad loans. said that it had acquired nonperforming assets worth 2.202 trillion year since March.

The figures, announced by the Cooperative Credit Purchasing Co., showed that banks were suffering ever-higger losses on debt write-offs.

Investors have been concerned in recent months over the financial health of Japan's major banks, which have been slow to fully

disclose the extent of their bad debts. The banks in the Yomani report had acknowledged a total of 9.248 trillion yen in nonperforming loans as of Sept. 30. But according to the paper, that figure arcinded only being to companies that the paper is a sept of the paper of t

more than six months. It did not include loans to companies the banks are supporting financially in the belief that their fortunes will shift and that they will once again be able to pay off their losses, the paper said. Many of the banks are supporting some companies by lowering interest rates or sending in bank officials to bein company man-

Much of such debt is not disclosed when banks report earnings. Indeed, some independent analysts estimate that the bad-debt figure is even higher than in the newspaper report — their estimates range between 20 million and 30

trillion yeu. Economists and banking analysts say that the Ministry of Finance urged banks last year to write off all of their had debts in three years. But the figures announced by Cooperative Credit Purchasing added to worries about the banks' health because they showed that when the banks did write off their bad debts, they were doing so at ever-greater rates of loss.

The agency said that for loans it acquired since March, it had paid an average of 55 percent of face value, or the amount for which the loan was made. That was down from purchase prices of about two thirds of the face value paid for loans the agency acquired before March 31. (Bloomberg, AFP)

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Italians Dispute



A passenger scrambling aboard a packed train at Belgrade station on Tuesday as chaos increased on the public transport network, devastated by the effects of UN sanctions.

U.S. Backs Down on Frequent North Korea Inspections The officials said that no agreement would be By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Backing down from previous insistence that North Korea accept frequent nuclear inspections, Clinton administra-tion officials said Tuesday that they were close to defusing a 10-month standoff with that country by accepting its after of a full but one-time only inspection of seven atomic sites. American officials described this as an important concession on North Korea's part, but acknowledged that it fell short of Washington's original demand that the North Koreans allow

systematic inspections as required by arms con-

finalized until the International Atomic Energy Agency agreed to final terms with North Korea And they said they would continue to press North Korea to allow additional inspections. But officials at the international inspection

agency in Vienna said they were worried that the agreement would be inadequate and set a bad precedent. They and some Asian diplomats said Tuesday that it would fail to ensure that North Korea does not divert material from nuclear facilities to make atomic bombs.

Clinton administration officials defended the tentative pact they reached with North Korea last week, insisting that it was the best deal that could be struck at the moment. They said the accord would not only provide for a thorough inspection but would also keep North Korea from withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonprolif-

eration Treaty. "The government's approach is, it wants to be practical, to get the job done," a government official said, "We need to coax the North Koreans back to the nonproliferation treaty regime. without falling on our own sword over phony principle.

Over the last several months, administration officials have taken a tough line publicly with North Korea, vowing to prevent it from acquiring nuclear weapons and warning of economic

sanctions if Pyongyang failed to agree to reguiar inspections.

But China's reluctance to go along with sanctions made that approach problematic. and administration officials worried in private about the consequences of a showdown with what they see as a volatile regime, and one that also is heavily armed.

Complicating matters further was a recent assessment by the CIA that concluded that North Korea probably has already manufactured one or two nuclear weapons. The United States has signaled to North Korea that if the International Atomic Energy

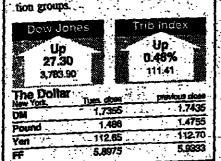
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Despair Born of Inequity

Date for Ballot By Tim Golden
New York Times Service ROME (Reuters) - Italy's traditional

governing parties called Tuesday for a three-month delay in landmark parlia-mentary elections, while the groups that benefited from their disgrace in a corruption scandal pressed for a swift vote. There is nothing to recommend rustiing ruinously towards the elections," said Mino Martinazzoli, leader of the Christian

Democrats. That position was seconded by leaders of the Socialists, Liberals and Their proposal to delay the vote until June 12 was rejected by the main opposi-



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Frustration Led Mexico Indians to Rebel

ALTAMIRANO, Mexico - That the Cold War has ended seems to mean nothing to the hundreds of insurgents who stumed their countrymen over the weekend by announcing themselves as the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, declaring war on the government and capturing a handful of towns in southern Mexi-

The struggle they describe is the timeless one of poor Indians against "the rich," the new world they envision being one where things would samply be better.

The insurgents, who took over six cities in New Year's Day raids, fled for the hills Tuesday and appeared to be pulling out of their remaining strongholds in the southern state of Chiapas, Remers reported from San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico. It was not yet clear if they intended to continue their uprising or if they were trying to escape further fighting with the Mexican Army. The rebels pulled out of Altamirano and Ox Chuc and entered the surrounding mountains early Tuesday, townspeople said.]

From conversations with townspeople and villagers, the rebels' sway seems a product less of any considered support than of confusion

Yet the mere sight of scores of men and women with broad Indian faces, amber skin and assault rifles or battered carbines, staked out along a 50-kilometer stretch of rural highway on Monday, was a remarkable measure of the frustration and despair are rooted in this

There is no longer any way to survive the situation in Mexico," said Jesús, 20, a leader of the rebels in this rural town in southern Mexico. He described himself as the child of poor peasants from another part of Chiapas state, near the border with Guatemala.

"There is no work, no land, no education." lesús said. "There is no way to change that in elections," he added, echoing the proclama-tions of his superiors without seeming to mimic them. This is not going to be a war of two or three years. This could be a war of 25 or 30

When the dozen men clustered around Jesus were asked whether they were prepared for such a sacrifice, no one spoke up. Asked if they wanted to go home, one said, This is where we

Physically stunning and dismally poor, Chia-pas is known to the world for the jungle ruins See MEXICO, Page 6



Commander Marcos, leader of Mexico's rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army.

MCI Unveils \$20 Billion Plan For Information Superhighway

By Paul F. Horvitz and Robert C. Siner

International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON - MCI Communications Corp. announced Tuesday that it and some unidentified partners planned to spend \$20 billion on the electronic equivalent of widening, paving and building access ramps for a U.S. information superhighway.

The spending by the United States' secondlargest long-distance telephone carrier, which is to take place over the next six years, envisions vast improvements in the speed with which fiber optic cables can transmit digital information, including data and video images.

MCI also hopes eventually to create an electronic network - to be known as network MCI - that would be equipped to carry virtually

The company also confirmed recent reports that it would challenge the regional Baby Bell telephone monopolies in at least 20 major U.S. municipalities, including New York and Los Angeles, for the right to provide local communications services. Of the \$20 billion of planned outlays, \$2 billion would be earmarked for this

If successful, the bid for local service would give MCI, which is already the primary compet-nor of the long-distance leader, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., an opportunity to carry a full range of communication and entertainment products directly to consumers and

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Belgians Turn 'Madness' of Consumer Waste to Profit

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

LIEGE, Belgium — Along a quiet road in the Ardennes lies what William Wauters calls proof of the madness of the

Every day, 25 tons of used clothing, bags and shoes come spilling into a great hall here, bounce from conveyer belts into baskets and, sorted and repacked, head for a new life on the other - poorer - side of the world.

"All of this came from the streets, free," said Mr. Wauters founder of the recycling plant, moving through a cloud of lingerie, then turning toward stacks of curtains and carpets. It's hard to believe. And we only prospect in part of the

Recycling, the order of the day in many places, has moved

into a league of its own at Terre, a workers' cooperative on the outskirts of Liège.

Each month, the discards from Belgian households yield

what Terre sees as a gold mine of more than 450 tons of used clothes, suitable for resale at home and abroad, and this to Mr. Wauters carries a potent message. "Here is the evidence that our economic system is crazy," he

said, standing in the warehouse, the size of an airplane hangar. 'People earn too much. Otherwise they wouldn't throw so Terre's 240 employees, like the discards they handle, were

themselves in a way rejected by society. It is a point that is mly brandished as a source of pride. "Almost all our people were considered unemployable," Mr. Wanters said, describing drivers, sorters and packers who had

never held a job or were unemployed for years. "Over 70

percent of our workers are ex-convicts, former drug addicts, alcoholics or handicapped. We see ourselves as an economic and a social laboratory."

Terre makes other unusual moves: it donates almost all of its profits, averaging more than \$10 million a year, to form cooperatives in developing countries. Is has already financed a worker-owned bicycle factory in Nicaragua, an irrigation project in Peru, fishing boats in India and a quarry in Algeria.

The daily bounty from the streets also includes 65 tons of paper and cardboard. While much is sorted and resold to paper mills. Terre keeps the rest to feed its factory, which recycles the waste paper into insulation panels.

Showing off vast pressing machines that devour mountains of newspapers and straw. Joël Peereboom, an administrator, See USED, Page 6

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - France has announced that it will seek to become the first country to ban artificial insemination for postmenopausal women as part of a landmark legislative effort to cope with the moral and medical dilemmas posed by genetic engineering.

The decision by the French government to introduce legislation that would stop doctors from helping women past child-bearing age to give birth was announced Monday by Health Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy, who called it "both immoral and dangerous" for older women to be implanted with testtube embryos.

Other officials said the bill also would seek to prevent parents from selecting or determining physical and mental characteristics of their future child. "I think it is absolutely shocking that a child can be 18 when his mother is 80," Mr. Douste-Blazy said in a radio interview. "It is totally undeserved."

He urged women considering such a procedure to give more thought to the child, who medical authori-ties say would be more susceptible to mental and physical handicaps.

The phenomenon of "retirement pregnancies" at-

tracted wide attention recently in Europe after a 59 year-old British woman gave birth to twins following

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treatment at an Italian clinic. The mother, who is said to be a wealthy businesswoman, reportedly is married to a 45-year-old man.

A 62-year-old Italian woman is now three months pregnant after receiving an embryo implant performed by the same doctors. She was quoted as saying she and her husband had wanted a child since their 19year-old son was killed in an accident in 1992.

French officials said the government was particular-ly alarmed by advances in medical technology that now made it feasible for women to choose the ethnic identity, physical size or other characteristics of their baby through embryo implants.

"This is nothing less than a question of public order," Jean-Louis Beaumont, a member of Parlia-ment and dean of the medical faculty in Creteil, said in an interview. The government must get involved when the act of creating a human being does not adequately consider the future of that human being."

Dr. Beaumont, who belped to prod the conservative government into adopting a stronger policy to prevent what he calls an insidious drift toward "genetic manipulation," said the rapid advances in test-tube fertilization made it imperative for societies to move quickly "to preserve the originality and spontaneity of their

The government of Prime Minister Edouard Balla-

Assembly. The ruling conservative coalition holds a vast majority in both houses

The centerpiece of the bill, according to Mr. Douste-Blazy, "will state very clearly that medically assisted procreative techniques, especially in vitro in-semination, will be reserved for women of childbearing age, that is, before menopause."

Some argued that the new law was necessary to reinforce the power of the state to prevent abuses that smack of genetic engineering. A de facto bar already prevents women from being implanted with a fertilized embryo from an egg other than their own.

Even if France takes a strict approach to test-tube fertilization, officials here acknowledge that other European governments will have to adopt similarly tough restrictions or else older French women who want to have babies will simply go abroad for

At some point, the 12-nation European Union will probably have to adopt guidelines, if not a common policy, so that governments can prevent their citizens from circumventing laws by flocking to foreign doctors. The medical ethics debate, however, is changing so rapidly that only a few countries have started to address the issue of "retirement pregnancies."

dur is expected to unveil legislation in the Senate within two weeks before taking it to the National specialists said they disagreed with an age limit on pregnancies, saying such a restriction would be scrimmatory.

In Italy, a pioneer in postmenopausal pregnancies, commentators have warned that the country is in danger of becoming a "genetic supermarket" because of highly publicized embryo implants involving pregnancies of elderly women and the case of a black voman who gave birth to a white baby six months ago. She reportedly asked for an egg from a white donor to be fertilized by her white husband, ostensibly so their child would not suffer racial discrimination.

■ Proposal Is Denounced Elisabeth Badinter, the author of a best-seller on male identity, denounced the proposal to ban artificial

insemination for postmenopausal women as an assault on freedom of choice, Renters reported from Paris. "Nobody has ever banned a 20-year-old girl who is deeply neurotic, addicted to drugs or has AIDS, from having a baby," she said. "Why should a woman of 60,

who could be a very good mother, not have the right to

"I see perfectly well the dangers of rolling back without limit the age of procreation," she said. "But limiting the right to bear children seems to me even

Rabin Rival **Drops Vow** To Stick to

PLO Deal By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service JERUSALEM — Israel's main opposition leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, said Tuesday that if his Likud party were to return to pow-er he would feel no obligation to honor the present Labor government's agreement with the Pales-time Liberation Organization.

Mr. Netanyahu stopped short of a firm promise to break the deal on introducing Palestinian self-rule to the occupied territories - a position advocated recently by his preiecessor as Likud leader, former

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. But at the same time, Mr. Netanvahu made clear that he would not be bound by the PLO accord. a sharp departure from a public pledge weeks ago to "honor any formal international commitment

taken by previous governments."

Speaking to Jewish settlers in the
West Bank on Monday and expanding on the subject in an interview Tuesday, he charged that the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, had himself broken promises by failing to stop anti-Israel attacks in the territories and by taking no steps to revoke sections of the PLO charter

that call for Israel's destruction.

"Agreements are made to be honored, but they're not made to be honored unilaterally," Mr. Netanyahu said. And since in his view the Palestinians have not kept their end of the bargain, then the accord signed on the White House lawn in September is no longer binding on Israel, he said.
His remarks were denounced as

'a danger to democracy" by the Labor Party secretary-general, Nissim Zvilli. A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin dismissed the comments as "hypothetical," saying that Mr. Netanyahu's opinion has "no significance in the im-mediate future."

But while for now the opposition may not affect the Israel-PLO negotiations, stalled for nearly a week, its views also cannot be ig-

nored. The Rabin government has not had an assured parliamentary ma-jority for months, and even though it seems in no danger of imminent collapse, it is also far from a tower of strength. It is entirely possible, opinion polls suggest, that after israel's next national election in two years, Likud will be back in power and the 44-year-old Mr. Netan-

yahu will be prime minister. That would mean he would be taking over at the very moment that Israel and the PLO, under terms of their agreement, are supposed to begin negotiations on the permanent status of the territories. The territories have been held by Israel since 1967 and declared by Mr. Netanyahu in the past to be vital to Israeli security.

So what he says, even now, may have consequences for the future course of Israeli-Palestinian rela-

Mr. Netanyahu read the latest public support for the September agreement. That decline is reflected also among Palestinians, who are similarly wary of Israel's inten-

Their suspicions have deepened Edwardsville, Illinois. He was severely disciplined for trying to escape. The effort was made into a commiss a Dec. 13 target date for the continuing arguments over security issues impelled Israel to miss a Dec. 13 target date for the continuing arguments. movie named for the prison camp. beginning a troop withdrawal.

WORLD BRIEFS

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LONDON (AP) — The Foreign Office on Tuesday gave the Sudanese ambassador 14 days to leave Britain after Sudan refused to change its decision to expel the British ambassador. A spokesman said the decision to expel Ali Osman Yassin was an "inevitable consequence" of Sudan's decision to expel the British ambassador, Peter Streams.

Sudan ordered Mr. Streams out of the country after the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend George L. Carey, refused to visit the capital, Khartoum, as a guest of the Islamic government of General Omar Hassan Ahmad Bashir. He visited southern Sudan last week at the invitation of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The government had insisted that the Archbishop travel as its guest in

the mainly Muslim northern Sudan. Dr. Carey has said he canceled that part of his trip because he was not assured freedom of movement.

Dozens More Die in Kabul Battles

KABUL (Reuters) — Infantry battles raged for a fourth day here on Tuesday, killing dozens and injuring more than 1,700 in, a struggle for power between President Burhanuddin Rabbani and a former Comminist general, Abdul Rashid Doestam.

Government jets bombed positions held by fighters loyal to General Doestam, and Mr. Rabbani's infantry made advances, pushing back the front line in the south of the city, where much of the fighting has been concentrated. Fighting spread in the north around General Doestam's base of Mazari-Sharif.

A Health Ministry spokesman said the number of injured was soaring and that hospitals were running out of medical supplies, blood and even food. "We have 1,700 wounded and 54 dead, although for the dead it is too difficult to say how many," he said.

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German Judge May Get Nomination

BERLIN (AP) — After an embarrassing furor toppled their first presidential candidate, German conservatives said Tuesday that they expected to nominate the country's highest judge for the post. Roman Herzog, 59, president of the federal Constitutional Court, has

been picking up support since Steffen Heitmann, Chancellor Heitmut Kohl's choice for the job, withdrew from consideration in November. Mr. Heitmann had angered many people with statements about the Holo-caust, women's roles in society and other issues.

Michael Glos, a conservative member of parliament, predicted Tuesday that Mr. Herzog would be officially nominated on Jan. 24 by the Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union. Mr. Herzog has been Germany's chief judge since 1987. Before that, he served as checation minister and interior minister in the southern that of Broden Wastersheer. state of Baden-Württemberg.

Cambodia Warns the Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) - Cambodia's armed forces warned the Khmer Rouge on Tuesday of an imminent attack and urged guerrilla troopers to defect to escape what analysts said could be the biggest amirebel offensive in five years.

The ultimate aim of the dry-season offensive was the recapture of the

Khmer Rouge's headquarters in western Pailin, a senior government

The appeal was part of a military bulletin included in the radio's morning news report. It was preceded by a demand from Cambodia's two prime ministers, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, for the guerrillas to join in national reconciliation.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Foxhole Cave-In Derailed TGV

PARIS (Reuters) — A high-speed French TGV train jumped the track last month because rain-soaked ground under its rails collapsed into military trenches and foxholes dug during World War I, railroad officials

said Tuesday.

The officials said the underground holes were not purpointed in documents or geological soundings taken before the high-speed line was built in northern France. But an initial investigation by geological and mining experts has proved that the sudden cave in of ballast on the line was due to ground weakened by trenches and foxholes. The train was traveling at its top cruising speed, 300 kilometers (180miles) an hour, when it derailed on Dec. 21, but the carriages

remained upright and no one was seriously injured. Israel Plans New Tel Aviv Airport

JERUSALEM (AFP) — Israel plans to build a new Tel Aviv airport to serve as a crossroads to Asia and Africa in a peaceful Middle East before the turn of the century, transport officials said Tuesday. The Transport Ministry said the airport, to be called "Ben Gurion-2000" and to be built in the shape of the Star of David, would quadruple air traffic through Tel Aviv to a capacity of 16 million passengers per year.

The shape of the airport is designed to ensure that pilots clearly

recognize it from the air sometimes happens, an official said. Tel Aviv airport now has a capacity of 4 million to 5 million passengers per day.

A winter storm in the United States fied up traffic, shut rail lines, delayed flights at some airports and dumped more than a foot of snow in places from the Carolinas to Maine on Tuesday. In New York City, the storm left a crust of sleet and slush mixed with rain, playing havoc with commuters. Boston's Logan airport closed for a while, while airports elsewhere in the region were open but experiencing long delays. Fitts-burgh's airport said no flights were taking off or arriving. Forecasters and logarity the week that the property rains and logarity of the week. more snow, rain and ice were on the way.

United Airlines will begin an expansion of service to the Pacific from San Francisco that eventually will give it 74 weekly nonstop flights to the region. United is to start its first daily service linking both Beiji Shanghai on Feb. 13. It added it also would begin three flights each week from San Francisco to Sydney in June.

Maintenance Is Faulted In Russian Jet Disaster

MOSCOW - Investigators more than 100 people dead. looking into the crash of an airliner in Siberia that killed 121 people sources as saying there were four cited overloading and a badly repassengers on the plane who had paired engine as possible causes, the press agency Itar-Tass said

The governmental commission investigating Monday's accident said the "most likely" cause was that the aircraft's central engine, recently remounted after an overhaul, had been inadequately repaired, the agency said, citing sources close to the commission.

The sources also said that the kal Air, one of the regional indeplane, a Tu-154, might have been carrying as much as 20 tons of after the breakup of the Soviet state excess weight, which was a factor in airline.

two fatal crashes in August that left Itar-Tass quoted unofficial not been included in the passenger

list. Crew members often smuggle unlisted passengers on overbooked planes to make extra money. Such riders are called "zaitsi," or "rab-Preliminary findings confirmed

concerns expressed in the immediate aftermath of the crash over the declining safety of Russian avia-

The plane was operated by Bai-

(AFP, Reuters, AP)

Goal Is Moscow Pact Signing On Nuclear Disarmament mated 564 warheads on cruise mis-By Ann Devroy siles, a small number of which have Washington Past Service WASHINGTON — The United been dismantled. A series of three-way talks States, Russia and Ukraine have ng the United States, Russia intensified negotiations on the disand Ukraine has been held over the mantling of Ukraine's nuclear arselast month, in large measure connal in the hope that a treaty can be signed in Moscow next week, secentrating on how the proceeds from the sale of enriched uranium nior administration officials say. withdrawn from the warheads would be divided between Ukraine The White House said Monday that President Bill Clinton had written to President Leonid M. "We very much want a deal in Kravchuk of Ukraine in the last week in what one official called "a

re-emphasis of our policy" that the former Soviet republic must dispose of its nuclear missiles in compliance with international agree-If such an accord is reached, the president will meet with Mr. Kravwe won't get there." chuk in Moscow, a senior administration official said.

Mr. Clinton is to leave Saturday on a nine-day trip that includes a summit meeting in Moscow with President Boris N. Yeltsin and a visit to Belarus, which has relinquished its nuclear arsenal. The Belarus stop is meant to be both a reward to that nation for its

agreement to denuclearize and a signal of U.S. displeasure with Ukraine. U.S. officials are to hold talks here this week with Ukraine's deputy foreign minister, Valeri Shmarov. A White House official cautioned that "many issues re-main to be resolved" and pointed

been working on the issue for nearly six months. When the Soviet Union collapsed, Ukraine inherited about President Yeltsin has invited Mr. 1.240 nuclear warheads on 176 in-

out that the administration has

time for a signing in Moscow," an official said, "but we can't be driven into a bad deal by summit fever. This is the most serious of business and there would be no disguising a bad deal. Everyone is working quite hard on this, but we are not there yet, and there is every chance stration officials cite as

progress the announcement by Russian officials in Kiev last month that Ukraine should be compensated for its tactical nuclear weapons, which were removed more than 18 months ago. Having agreed to the principle of compensation, a senior official said, the issue has become how much and in what form.
Mr. Clinton is scheduled to sign

several agreements in Moscow on Jan. 14, including some relating to nonproliferation. That could be expanded into a three-way ceremony. ■ Kravchuk Presence Likely Ukrainian officials said Tuesday that Mr. Kravchuk was likely to

ioin the U.S.-Russian summit

meeting in Moscow on Jan. 12-15, The Associated Press reported. tercontinental missiles and an esti-meeting with Mr. Clinton.

Israeli police restraining a flag-waving demonstrator on Tuesday near Jericho. Settlers blocked roads in the region to protest suggestions that their village be included within the PLO-controlled area.

Yeltsin's Aides Move In to 'Purified' Parliament

Mr. Geelhaar, who was born in At Basel. Mr. Geelhaar orga-Bern, was a Picasso scholar and an nized or collaborated on exhibi-

of 1909 was based on an earlier day. He won a bronze medal for

ers" (1989).

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Three months after tanks pounded the Russian White House, an archbishop rechristened the former parliament building on Tuesday and President Boris N. Yeltsin's semor ministers moved into their new offices. Five thousand workers, includ-

ing 2,000 Turks, have worked around the clock to repair the bullet-pocked, fire-blackened marble tower at an estimated cost of \$80

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Christian Geelhaar, 54, a former

again and resplendent with acres of new carpet, imported elevators, air conditioning and tinted windows. Mr. Yeltsin ordered the repairs Fatherland," Archbishop Arseny

begun Oct. 5, the day after he sent of the Russian Orthodox Church decree dissolving parliament.

The ceremony Tuesday was a kind of political exorcism: After driving out the hard-line lawmakers, Mr. Yeltsin ordered the building to be purified for his senior aides.

advocate of postwar American art

who was also at home with the art

of the Middle Ages and the North-

He was named curator of mod-

ern art at the Basel Kunstmuseum

in 1977. In 1980, when he was only 41, he succeeded Franz Meyer as

director of the museum. During this period, he gained attention for establishing that Picasso's monu-

mental proto-Cubist still life,

"Bread and Fruit Dish on a Table,"

"We have prayed for the Lord's of his cabinet instead of giving it to blessing to accompany those who will work here for the good of the The new parliament, which connot escape a people's trial!" some-

turned out to be a hoax.

tanks and troops to crush hard-line said after sprinkling the facade lawmakers and their armed supporters who had rioted against his sprinkling was evacuated for a law-makers for the old site.

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tions, including "Jasper Johns: Working Proofs" (1980), "Picasso:

Theme Cycles of the Late Work, 1964-72" (1981), "Monet: Les Nymphéas" (1986), "Douglas Coo-

per and the Cubist Masters" (1987-88) and "Paul Cezanne: The Bath-

medal winner, a governor-general of New Zealand and surgeon to the

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William Morris, 80, editor in

games were the subject of the film "Chariots of Fire," which told the stories of the Scottish runner Eric Ohio. Later, he edited the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia and the Encyclopedia International and tions. was editor in chief for Grosset & Abrahams, who won the gold med- Dunlap. In 1968, he appeared on polls before speaking out, and they al in the race in which Lord Portitt the Connecticut ballot as Eugene show an appreciable drop in Israeli McCarthy's vice presidential can-

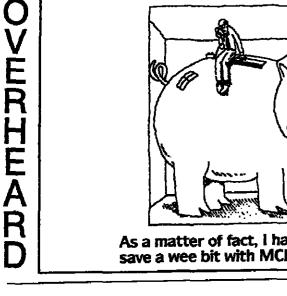
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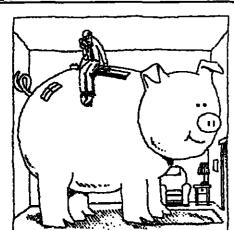
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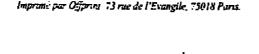
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Lyme Disease Risk: Overdiagnosis and Overmedication

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Almost two decades after Lyme disease was first diagnosed in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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In one instance cited by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 14 children had to have their gallbladders removed, and 22 suffered bloodstream infections, because of complications from long-term treatment with intravenous antibiotics. Though the children's doctor defends their treatment, the centers found no evidence that most of the children even had Lyme disease.

In another case, a New Jersey doctor's license was suspended for "obsessively disgnosing late-stage Lyme disease" in patients lacking clinical evidence of the disease, faisifying records and collecting fees for referring patients to companies that provide intravenous antibiotics in the home. The Board of Medical

The bacteria that causes Lyme disease is carried by health experts and officials are warning that overdiag-nosis of the disease and complications from long-term antibiotic treatments may pose as great a danger to public health as the disease itself.

deer ticks that bite humans, seating to a oun steps in that enlarges over about two weeks and flu-like symp-toms, including fatigue and muscle aches. Diagnosed early, Lyme disease is often remedied by a single course of oral antibiotics. Ignored, it can produce course of crai antibiotics. Ignored, it can produce cardiac and neurological problems, including facial paralysis, and later still, arthritis or inflammation of the brain or nerves.

Even at this late stage, many doctors stress, the disease can be detected through an examination of spinal finid and other tests and often can be cured by a month of intravenous ambiotics. This is the generally recommended approach. Most doctors now say, how-ever, that this treatment may fail in rare instances where Lyme disease has infected the central nervous

The counterersy involves the prolonged use of intra-venous ambiotics to treat chronic infections. That use

Health experts in the New York region say overdiagnosis stems largely from the lack of any simple conclusive test for Lyme disease and the lack of agreement over how frequently the infection persists

Another factor, they say, is greed: Some Lymedisease hot lines refer patients to a network of doctors and clinics that will readily, and often wrongly, diagnose Lyme disease in return for payments from companies that sell in-home treatment.

"The bulk of the evidence suggests that Lyme discase is overdiagnosed and that many of those given the diagnosis do not have the disease and will not benefit from antibiotic treatment," concluded a committee of medical experts appointed by the New Jersey Health Department after a report last February on problems at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

While the committee acknowledged that in individnai cases, "underdiagnosis can be just as serious a

Examinent says it is investigating links between other can cost as much as \$17,000 a month and has been problem as overdiagnosis," it said the greater number reported to cause life-threatening complications.

of patients risk hazardous side effects of "antibiotics" given for a disease they do not have."

The issue has become public and political. On one side are patient advocates, drug companies and a small number of practicing doctors who favor long-term antibious treatment for chronic infections. On the Other are physicians and research scientists, together with insurance companies that generally step paying for intravenous antibiotics after 28 days; all point out the absence of any published research to justify the risks of such treatments.

In 1992, 9,677 cases of Lyme were reported to the Centers for Disease Control mostly in East Coast states north of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Allen C. Steere of Tufts University, who first identified Lyme disease in 1975, wrote recently that more than three-quarters of the patients referred to his Lyme Disease Clinic at the New England Medical Center and the majority of 100 patients at a New Jersey Lyme referral center were misciagnosed and

* POLITICAL NOTES *

Bentsen Seeks to Cull Phony Gun Dealers

WASHINGTON - Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen has proposed laws under which gun dealers would pay \$600 a year for firearms licenses, to discourage all but legitimate businesses from obtaining the permits.

The annual fee now is \$10 and is rising to \$65 under recently passed legislation, but Mr. Bentien said the new fee "isn't just ndiculous" but "goes all the way to reckless."

The increase he is proposing. Mr. Bentsen said, is needed because many people get licenses not to sell firearms but to buy them cheap

"We have over 200 million guns." he said. "Every 10 seconds a gun rolls off an assembly line. Every 11 seconds we import a gun."

The higher fee, he said, "should eliminate 200,000 dealers, leaving

only the actual ones in place." "And it will end the de facto texpayer subsicizing of the gun

Mr. Bentsen, who spoke after a law-enforcement awards ceremony, said the Clinton administration also would propose legislation to require a federal permit for people who buy dynamite and other explosives, such as those used in a series of bombings last week in western New York

The proposal also would make theft of explosives a federal felony. Mr. Bentsen said. He unveiled the proposals as part of a broad administration effort to strengthen federal regulation of firearms.

U.S. Rolls Out Playful TV Ads for Condoms

WASHINGTON - With a playful 30-second ad, the Clinton administration launched a new, would-be hip television advertising campaign Tuesday to encourage young Americans to protect themselves against AIDS.

In it, a couple gropes between the sheets on a disheveled bed. Suddenly a dresser drawer springs open and to James Bond-type music, out pops a foil-wrapped condom. It skitters across the floor, past a startled cat and discreetly dives into action on the bed. "It would be nice if later condoms were automatic," an announcer

intones. "But since they're not, using them should be." All four U.S. broadcast television networks and many cable TV outlets and radio stations have agreed to run the ads, produced for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That represents a change from previous nerwork policies that treated ads mentioning condoms and AIDS warily.

Lawmaker, Retiring, Urges Old-Timers to Go

WASHINGTON - After 17 years in Congress, Representative Douglas Applegate, 65. Democrat of Ohio, says he is ready to retire and recommends that other old-timers do the same. "It is time for younger people to take the reins of government and lead us into the next century." he said, "I would further suggest that other older members of Congress consider this, as well.

Two other colleagues agreed with him. Representative Thomas E. Lewis, 69, a Florida Republican who has served 11 years in the House, said he also would not seek re-election in November.

And Representative Alfred A. McCandless. Republican of California, said Tuesday that he would retire at year's end after 12 years in the House. "What I have not had," he said, "is a Friday or Monday without an airplane in it; a leisurely breakfast; dinner at the dinner hour, little R&R time, or even much time with my family." The three retirements brought to 26 the number of House mem-

bers who have announced that will leave after the current term. Fourteen of those leaving are Republicans.

For Packwood, It's Three Questions and Out

BEAVERTON. Oregon - Making his first public appearance in his home state in five months, Senator Bob Packwood stalked out of a news conference after just three questions.

"See you later, folks," he said Monday after being asked once if he

planned to resign and twice about where he lives. Aides had tried to limit the questions to health care at the news

care reform.

"The first three questions weren't germane, so he's out of here," a Packwood aide said.

Mr. Packwoood, 61, a Republican who lives in Washington. last year sold the trailer home that was his Oregon residence. He would

have to establish a legal residence to run for a sixth term in 1998. The Senate Select Committee on Ethics is investigating allegations by more than two dozen women that Mr. Packwood made unwanted sexual advances over the years. The committee and the Justice Department also are investigating whether Mr. Packwood used his office to try to arrange jobs for his wife. His diaries are in the custody of a federal court while he fights subpoenas for them.

Mr. Packwood has denied breaking any laws and said he has no intention of resigning.

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a report at an FAA-sponsored sym-

posium in Washington, saying that the 757 had been involved in a

higher proportion of wake turbu-

lence-related incidents than other

Calling the 757 an "anomaly"

Officials with the Aviation Safe-

ty Reporting System, after collect-ing and reviewing 757 turbulence-

related reports from pilots

nationwide, brought the problem

to the agency's attention twice in

The reporting system is run by

the U.S. space agency.

among similar aircraft, the report said, "It is important to address the

aircraft its size.

B-757 problem."

Dennis Archer, newly sworn in as mayor of Detroit: "Get a grip on your life, and the lives of your children. Stand with me when I tell the Dope Man: Get off our streets. Stand with me when I tell the Dope Man: Leave our children alone."

Tom Murphy, the new mayor of Pittsburgh: "These are our kids, both the ones being shot and the ones doing the shooting. Get out of your comfortable lives and get into the lives of these kids." (AP)

Diet-Cancer Link

For Nonsmokers

WASHINGTON - A diet rich

in raw fruit, vegetables, cheese and

Vitamin E can reduce the risk of

lung cancer for nonsmokers, according to a study to be made pub-lic on Wednesday.

Scientists have known that

smokers can benefit from such a

diet, but a new study reported in

the Journal of the National Cancer

Institute makes a connection for

Raw Iruit and vegetables are good sources of beta carotene,

which has been associated with a

reduced hing cancer risk in smokers, the study said. Vitamin E sup-

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Professors Grade Clinton a B For First Year of Economics

By Steven Pearlstein

BOSTON - Mark him down for a solid B for his freshman year.

The nation's economics professors, meeting here between semesters, gave President Bill Clinton high marks for his handling of economic policy in his first

year in office. "The administration's performance was not only surprisingly positive, it was also very good," Rudiger Dornbusch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told the American Economic Association on Monday.

"A good spring semester," declared the Nobel lau-reate Lawrence R. Klein of the University of Pennsylvania. He said the administration deserved at least half the credit for the drop in interest rates over the past year and two consecutive years of reduced U.S. budget deficits.

Mr. Clinton's lowest mark came from Martin S.

Feldstein of Harvard, who served as chairman of President Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic

He predicted that Mr. Clinton would realize no more than half of the \$500 billion in deficit reduction that has been projected for the next five years. The tax increases on the wealthy, he said, will discourage them from earning and investing and yield little in addition-al revenue for the Treasury.

Mr. Feldstein, known for his staunch defense of free markets, conceded that he was in the somewhat awkward position of arguing that the stock and bond markets were wrong in having responded as positively as they did to the passage of the Clinton economic

He drew a sharp rebuke from administration and academic economists for his assertion that a 6.1 per-cent manupleyment rate is as close as the nation can come to full employment without causing a dangerous new round of inflation.

"We definitely don't accept that," replied Alan S. Blinder, a member of the Council of Economic Advisers. He said the unemployment rate could descend comfortably to 5.5 percent without igniting inflation. U.S. officials already have signaled that they believe interest rates should remain where they are for the foreseeable future

A broad array of economists gave Mr. Clinton high marks for intelligence and good intentions.

"He has lent a coherence to economic discourse that we haven't seen in a long time," said Stephen Cullen-berg of the University of California at Riverdale.

Christine Doyle-Burke of Framingham State College in Massacinisetts gave the president a B+ for his recognition of the widening gap between rich and poor, but like many at the session, expressed disappointment that he has not been able to do more about

"He can take some credit for raising the confidence of the business world and consumers," said Dimitri Papadimitriou of Bard College in New York, "But I would have liked to see more in the area of education. training and investment in physical infrastructure." In general, Mr. Clinton got his highest marks in trade and international economic issues.

Doubts on Radiation Inquiry

CIA Destroyed Files on Its Tests, Expert Says

WASHINGTON — The public may never get the full story of se cret governation; radiation visting on Americans during the Cold War because the Central Intelligence Agency destroyed many of its files. a scientist said Tuesday.

Steven Aftergood, a senior researcher with the Federation of . American Scientists, a private group, said the CIA in 1973 destroyed many files on radiation tests that it secretly conducted on people from 1953 to 1967.

"If the CIA has destroyed its records of this activity, then we will never get to the bottom of this story." Mr. Aftergood said. The CIA said Tuesday that it

had begun a search of its records. A spokesman, David Christian, said,
We're searching our files for material relevant to the attempt to get to
the bottom of the radiation testing

channian of the House Committee on Namial Resources urged President Bill Clinton to release information on how U.S. nuclear weapon tests may have affected residents of the Marshall Islands. Representative George Miller, a California Democrat, said in a letter to Mr. Clinton that of particular concern was the March 1, 1954, test

on Bikim Atoll. The test had a high

yield, and radioactive fallout was blown over a wide area, including the mastited Marshall Islands atolis of Rongelap and Utirik. A commission led by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller reported in 1975 that the CIA had conducted radiation tests as part of a much larger CIA program to study possible means of controlling hu-

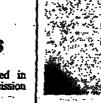
Many of the records of these experiments, at least those involv-

1973, the Rockefeller Commission reported. Mr. Christian said the CIA

would take part "as fully as appropriate" in an inter-agency task force set up Monday to uncover details of experiments carried out in the decades after World War II.

Besides studying the effects of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD, the CIA explored "the effects of radiation, electric shock, psychology, psychiatry, sociology and ha-rassment substances," the Rocke-feller Commission reported.

The commission's report is not clear on which CIA files were destroyed. It says: "Unfortunately, only limited records of the testing conducted in these drug programs are now available. All the records concerning the program were or-dered destroyed in 1973, including ing unwitting subjects of drug test- a total of 152 separate files."



POINTED PROTEST - Rusty Morgan wore this custom-made headpiece when he joined other motorcyclists at a Sacramento rally to protest a California law requiring belinets on bikers.

SANTA ANA, California - The

Federal Aviation Administration

had evidence dating as far back as October 1991 that Boeing 757s

cause unusually dangerous wake

turbulence, but the agency issued no public warning until last month — after the deaths of 13 people in

two plane crashes which are be-lieved to have been linked to the

Wake turbulence occurs when a

large plane slices through the air, leaving a trail of horizontal cy-

clones that spring out from each

The aviation agency has said it

Away From Politics

• Gary, Indiana, is now the murder capital of the United States. There were 110 murders in Gary last year, which represented a nationwide high of 91 per 100,000 residents.

• The New York City Board of Education has tentatively decided to carry out a court's wishes and give parents the right to decide whether their receive condoms in a program aimed to prevent AIDS.

 Makers of violent video games are moving quick-ly to mollify parents alarmed by their children's playing with vampires and homicidal warriors on TV. Under growing pressure from Congress to

start a rating system, they are meeting in Las Vegas. The meeting occurs after a threat by lawmakers to impose ratings.

 A federal judge in New York said he expected that the trial of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and 14 others charged with plotting to bomb New York City landmarks will be delayed until September. Dr. Jack Kevorkian was charged in Michigan in

the death of a doctor who had bone cancer. It is the fourth time he has been charged with violating the Michigan ban on assisted suicide. He is under house arrest in another assisted suicide case

U.S. Was Slow to Act on Warning

Of Turbulence From Boeing 757

Floridian Saves Best for Last:

TALLAHASSEE, Florida

were opened, Johnnie Mosley gave her husband, Charles, a folder and told him, "This is the best I can do."

"My dad thought it was a joke at first," said the Mosleys' 15-year-old son, Mike. "But

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called her "Brazil's wealthiest

was not until early last year that it learned of the problem. But documents obtained by the Los Angeles Times indicate that it was aware of the problem long before the agency's administrator, David Hinson, issued a nationwide directive Dec. 22 that air traffic

controllers issue wake turbulence Civil Aviation Authority presented warnings to pilots landing behind

Since the fall of 1991, at least two formal reports on the dangers were given to the agency. These reports were made in addition to anecdotal evidence that was gathered from pilots by the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-

In October 1991, two researchers who conducted wake turbulence studies on 757s at the agency's re-quest reported that the plane caused more turbulence than any ever tested before.

The researchers speculated that the plane's uniquely designed fuelefficient wing may be the cause. They recommended that the agency immediately require that smaller planes be kept four miles, or 6.5 kilometers, behind 757s on

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Scandal Rattles Brazil's Voters Congressmen Suspected in Thefts of Millions

By James Brooke New York Times Service RIO DE JANEIRO: - João

Alves would like you to believe that he is the world's hickiest man. To explain how he came to deposit \$51 million in his bank accounts since 1989, the congressman, whose annual salary is \$84,000, told investigators rece that the answer was simple. He had. won 24,000 lotteries. One year after a multimillion-

dollar corruption scandal forced Brazil's president from office, an enormous new scandal, involving dozens of members of Congress, is shaking many Brazilians' faith in democracy. And although Brazilians have grown cynical and resigned to sto-ries about corruption, the latest dis-

closures have shocked people because of the extraordinary scale nd prazenness.

The disillusionment with the political system has become so rampant that the army, which gave up rule to civilians in 1985, emerged from hibernation recently and bluntly warned Congress to purge

itself, fast. gious," said General Benedito On-military does not intend to return million was deposited in an ac-. "Beware the anger of the legroup, save Leonel, the chief of to power Instead, they say, it is count controlled by one of his our person Leaves, making Congress to improve civil maids, Nochna Neves, newspapers deposited as laundered money.

form. In moments of turbulence, military leaders have always proved to be strong leaders.

represented an extraordinary attempt to influence events after several years in which the army has been aloof from politics. Feeding the anger, Brazilians struggle under inflation of 2,500 percent a year while they read that

members of Congress apparently pocketed \$200 million in federal grants to charities. In this atmosphere many Brazilians are openly nostalgic for the low inflation and high growth in the years of military rule, from 1964 to 1985. Half of those responding to poils nortinely say dor, one of Brazil's poorest cities.

Brazil does not need its Congress. "God helped me, and I made Signaling an intention to clean house, Congress voted Dec. 15 to

expel three members for involvement in an unrelated corruption scandal And on Dec. 27, a subcommittee studying the theft of members of Congress and mayors, charity subsidies recommended the expulsion of seven others. Many analysis here ficheve the

among Brazilians in and out of uni- ian democracy and is trying to bolster Brazil's weak president, Itamer Franco, in his last year in office. A new president and a new Congress No one fears a possible coup are to be elected in October. For now, a congressman squinning under relevision lights is almost returning Brazil to military rule, but General Leonel's comments

a daily spectacle as investigators mravel a scheme that apparently enabled dozens of legislators to steal hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal budget since 1989, the year that Congress won expanded powers over the budget. One of those appearing was Mr. Alves, the lottery winner, who lived m a two-room apartment until 1963, the year he was elected to Congress. Three decades later, he shutles by private jet between his lakefront mansion in Brasilia and

money," the congressmen rasped before cameras when asked about the source of his fortune. Extorting kickbacks from con-maid."

his beach-front penthouse in Salva-

struction companies, charities, he received \$51 million in deposits since 1988, the investigators said. After it was learned that \$5.7

\$15.7 Million The Associated Press

- A Tallahassee woman won \$15.7 million in the lottery on Sept. 4 — then waited until Christmas to tell anyone. After all the other presents

inside was a copy of the Florida lottery ticket and newspaper clippings detailing a four-month search for the winner.

when my mom told him it wasn't ... we all started cry-

To make his fortune appear legitimate to Brazilian tax authorities, Mr. Alves bet heavily on lotteries, investigators said. According to a study by the Federal Savings Bank, he bet \$29 mil-

lion and won \$9 million, which be

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A Gap to Bridge in Mexico

Tale of Two Mexicos

There is another, older Mexico beneath the free market, modernizing society being fash-ioned by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari -a Mexico of subsistence agriculture, native peoples and Emiliano Zapata, the land-tothe-peasants hero of the 1910-1917 Mexican Revolution. That other Mexico is epitomized by Chiapas, the poor southern state on the Guatemalan border where armed Indian guerrillas invoking Zapata took over four towns on Saturday and where clashes between Mexico's army and the rebels have left scores of Indians dead. Reports are sketchy, but most guerrilla fatalities appear to have been inflicted while the rebels were retreating.

The Chiapas uprising was timed to coincide with the formal start of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Like other peasants toiling on the fringes of Mexico's capitalist economy, many Indians living in the jungles of Chiapas feel left out of the economic gains of recent years and fear the free market, free trade future that NAFTA symbolizes. What economists hail as rational use of resources looks to them like yet another assault on the traditional way of life they prize.

Mexico is a huge country, and the rebels represent only a small slice of the most radically disaffected peasants and leftists. The clashes in Chiapas do not seem to herald any wider national insurrection. But this embarrassing revolt of the forgotten challenges the Salinas administration on two sensitive issues - accountability in the use of military and police

An Inquiry Is in Order

Like a mural come down off a wall, a peasant "revolution" burst forth in the poorest and most southerly part of Mexico over the New Year weekend. Some hundreds of armed men and women eluded preemption by Mexico's vaunted intelligence and showed themselves organized enough to briefly capture a good-sized city, San Cristobal de las Casas, in Chiapas. After two days of fighting, in which dozens were killed on both sides, rebels still held three towns. Ostensibly, the uprising was timed to the effective date of the new trade agreement with Washington. The rebels reject the government's depiction of the North American Free Trade Agreement as a patriotic act of economic growth, terming it a class conspiracy against the landless and poor.

This is the first major uprising in Mexico in 20 years, and as such an embarrassment for President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. But a certain level of unrest is familiar to Chiapas and other states isolated from the modernizing currents that Mr. Salinas, more than any other Mexican leader, has encouraged. Conspiracy theories flourish in Mexico. In this ce, some suggest that there has been an infection from local radicals or from guerrillas across the border in Guatemala. It is asked

Clinton. Why the switch? Politics, of course.

Demands for a special counsel are coming not only from partisan infighters like Bob Dole,

the Senate Republican leader, and Newt Ging-

rich, the House Republican whip, but also from

moderates like Jim Leach, the ranking Republi-

can on the House Banking Committee. All

make the same simple complaint: The adminis-

tration cannot be trusted to investigate itself.

the Justice Department investigation now un-

der way. For all the public has been able to

learn so far, it is unclear whether the relation-

ship reflected little more than the garden

variety cronyism for which Arkansas is fam-

ous or whether it involved serious criminality.

In any case, legitimate suspicions have aris-

en that James McDougal — the Clintons' land

partner and operator of the defunct Madison

Guaranty Savings and Loan who helped the

Clintons financially - may have benefited

from lenient regulation when Bill Clinton was

governor. A companion question is whether

the failure to police Mr. McDougal more

carefully led to excessive federal bailout costs

reached a boil two weeks ago with the news

that White House aides removed files bear-

ing on the real estate partnership from the

office of Vincent Foster, the deputy White

House counsel, after he committed suicide

last spring. Only now is the White House, in

response to a public clamor, moving to produce

These long-simmering insinuations

when his institution failed.

No outsider can possibly know the scope of

force, and compassion for Mexicans more in-terested in holding onto a traditional way of life than in fast-track capitalist development.

It is in Mexico's northern border states. close to the United States, that free market development and continental integration have proceeded furthest. Southern states like Chiapas represent the opposite extreme. As lush as the north is arid, the south has for centuries been an arena of violent conflict between largely landless Indians and the farmer and rancher descendants of the conquistadores. The slogans of 1910, particularly those of Zapata, who railied the landless peasants of the south, still resonate here.

It is the legacy of 1910 — nationalism, protectionism and legal restrictions on large landholdings —that Mr. Salinas has spent his presidency dismantling. His textbook economic reforms should make it easier for Mexico to compete for the capital it needs to develop. Over time, that could significantly lift living standards in all regions of Mexico for people of all ethnic backgrounds.

But this Mexican revolution is being imposed from above. Too many Mexican citizens remain alienated from local governments that owe more to patronage than to a habitually tainted electoral process, and fearful of corrupt and violent police and military officials. If Mexico is to take its place among the democracies of North America, the gap between economics and politics - and between the two Mexicos urgently needs to be bridged.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

whether the opposition to Mr. Salinas may have thought to stage an incident to discredit

his gutsy devotion to free trade. But no elaborate theory is needed to understand the pain in Chiapas. The prime threat to democracy in the Americas now comes from the corruptions of power and from the gap between rich and poor. Mexico is not com apart under the weight of NAFTA. NAFTA is in fact part of the remedy. But NAFTA has quickened popular expectations of breaking out of Latin America's lingering feudal darkness and perhaps nowhere more so than in the places that have fallen the farthest behind.

In helping worthy Latins to make their countries grow, private lenders, international development banks and friendly governments all have their work cut out. In the Chiapas affair, however, Mr. Salinas has his own responsibilities. His government must proceed strictly according to law in the quelling of the rebellion and in dealing with its judicial aftermath. Promptly, as things settle down, there must be a credible nonpartisan investigation, including the origins of the disorder on the peasant side and the official response. This is the sort of event that, handled the wrong way, can become more troublesome in the followup than in the event itself.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Bosnia's Holocaust Puts the Churches to Shame

N EW YORK — Pope John Paul II's Christmas message, in which he expressed compassion for "the suffering peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina," was surely heartfelt, but it reminds us of the fecklessness and irrelevance of Western religious institutions - Catholic, Protestant and Jewish in the face of the modern Holocaust that is taking place in the heart of Europe. Given the impotence of religious institutions as

the agony of Bosnia continues, how pathetic their Anything short of a demand by the churches for military inter-

vention is cant and hypocrisy.

pretensions that they serve as unique agents for peace. Surely, in Bosnia they have done nothing of the kind. If anything religious sentiment has fu-eled the genocide that is taking place there. The ambivalence and consequent impotence of

the churches is perhaps understandable. Despite Catholic doctrine on "just wars," our churches find it virtually impossible to advocate the use of force. Tragically, there are times when only resort to ence can end the slaughter of innocents. That was true in World War II, and it is true

today in Bosnia. Only the use of air power to silence

WASHINGTON — Just 29 months ago Ukraine declared

protocol to the START-1 treaty, to

give up all nuclear weapons on its

territory by "adhering in the shortest possible time" to the Nuclear Nonpro-

liferation Treaty as a non-nuclear

state. There was talk, as well, of reduc-

ing Ukraine's dependence upon power

provided by the dozen or so outmoded

and dangerous Chemobyl-type nucle-

ar reactors operating in the country.

freefall, its currency rendered virtual-

ly worthless by runaway inflation.

Production has all but collapsed, and

energy shortages have become in-

creasingly acute during a bitter win-

ter. This reflects Russia's require-

Today, Ukraine's economy is in

By Henry Siegman

Serbian guns and a lifting of the arms embargo -which has punished only victims, not aggressors — could possibly end the one-sided staughter.

Because religious institutions have failed to call

for such military intervention, they have allowed evil to have its way. What is worse, too often their pious declarations have failed to distinguish between the victims and their tormentors. That failure nourishes a perverse moral equivalence that is invoked by governments to justify inaction and cowardice.

I write these lines in sadness, not to point an accusing finger. Haunted by the memory of the

Holocaust, Jewish organizations have spoken out on Bosnia more forcefully than have others, but their pronouncements and public hand-wringing mean little. Religious institutions in the United States have not undertaken the kind of political action to which they resort so effectively when their own core interests are challenged — whether tax exemptions for churches and synagogues, opposition to abortion, or aid for Israel.

I have no doubt that the use of the term "Holocaust" to describe the human destruction in Bosnia. will provoke bitter criticism in some quarters. One would think that the deliberate slaughter of nearly a quarter of a million men, women and children, and the prospect of more than 2 million people dying this winter (the U.S. State Department says that nearly 3 million Bosnians are at risk), might qualify as a Holocaust. How sad that some still get more exercised about notions of semantic correctness than about genocidal destruction of life.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

The Holocaust in Bosnia will end only if the international community — and that effectively means the United States — finally uses air power to destroy Serbian artillery and also ends the arms embargo against Bosnia. Unfortunately, political leadership in Washington is utterly bankrupt on the subject of Bosnia; so that will not happen unless the American people call for such intervention. That they have not done so despite their exposure to graphic depictions of daily slaughter, atrocities and starvation is a measure of the failure of religious institutions. Anything short of a demand by them for military intervention is cant and hypocrisy.

Religious institutions hardly covered themselves with glory during World War II, when the first Holocaust occurred. If they continue their fecklessness and faithlessness as Serbs and Croats, with the apparent sanction of local Serbian Orthodox and roatian Catholic churches, go about completing their genocidal work in Bosnia, they will have com-promised themselves beyond redemption.

The writer is executive director of the American Jewish Congress. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Ukraine's Go-Slow Leaders Hurt Their Own Cause

By Sam Nunn

The writer is chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. Senate.

Yes, a Special Prosecutor Senior Republicans, after years of resisting those documents for the Justice Department. the appointment of independent counsels to Ms. Reno, defending her handling of the investigate suspected mischief in the executive case, contends rightly that it would be better branch, are now demanding that an outsider for everyone if the Independent Counsel Act. probe some Arkansas banking and investwhich expired more than a year ago, were ment deals that touch President and Mrs.

Still, the Republicans are on the right track. Independent counsels are sometimes necestive branch has a conflict of interest. sary to keep government honest.

The White House sees only politics. The president's aides insist that "no laws have been broken." Hillary Rodham Clinton still wonders why anyone is curious about the family's real estate partnership with a failed savings and loan operator. And Attorney General Janet Reno argues lamely that no one would trust her to name a truly independent investigator.

> To call for a special appointment is not to disparage the career prosecutors now working on the Arkansas cases. It is simply to recognize, as the attorney general has acknowledged in testifying for renewal of the independent counsel law, that self-investigation lacks the credibility that the public has the right to require. The Clinton administration, which campaigned on a plank of open government and impartial justice, should not have to learn this lesson from its Republican opponents.

Other Comment

In America, Recovery in the Air

You can sense it in the air, see it on the streets, hear it on the shop floor: This growth is for real. The economy has become much

healthier than many people seem to realize. Time and thrift have brought the problems of the past decade to manageable proportions.

Another force is at work — a nascent and guarded recovery of spirit. In more and more

factories, offices and homes, you find a new "This is how it's going to be, let's get on with our lives" attitude. The sober but proactive mood is a key element in transforming a problematic recovery into a durable one.

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independence from a disintegrating Soviet Union. Support for independence was strong even among Rus-sians living in Ukraine, who comprise almost a quarter of the country's 52 million people. With a vast territory, rich in minerals, fertile soil, heavy industry and human talent, Ukraine in 1991 seemed destined for at least available. That law, which Congress is preparas rosy a future as did Russia, which ing to revive, allows a court-appointed independent prosecutor for cases where the execu-In a highly prudent act, Ukraine in 1991 also agreed, via a legally binding

But Mr. Dole and others are also right to argue that even without the law, Ms. Reno is free under Justice Department regulations to pick a special counsel with nearly as much job tenure as the statute would provide. Yes, the choice would be hers, and some might question it - but not if she chose a legal figure of national reputation, like Archibald Cox and Leon Jaworski in the Watergate period, before the statute was enacted.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Don't Push Kiev, Help It By Ian J. Brzezinski

The writer, a son of the former U.S.

national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, is director of international security programs at the Council of dvisers to the Ukraine parliament. The views expressed here are personal.

K IEV — In response to Kiev's conditioned ratification of the START treaty, the West, led by the United States, has initiated a policy of isolating Ukraine. This policy will be counterproductive.

Kiev's isolation will only enhance

the credibility of those Ukrainian political elites who, in view of accimonious relations with Russia, advocate a Ukrainian nuclear deterrent. Ukraine faces a very real threat from Russia. Most Russians, even at the top, refuse to accept Ukraine as an enduring feature of post-Cold War Europe. Kiev is justifiably concerned over Moscow's refusal to recognize Ukraine's borders, as well as the confrontations over Crimea, the Black Sea Fleet and nuclear weapons.

Ukrainians see the West as passive toward Russia's aggressive policies and indifferent to Ukrainian independence. At a recent ministerial meeting in Rome, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe implicitly endorsed Russia's proposal to play a special "peacekeeping" role in the for-mer Soviet Union. Comments made at a NATO ministerial meeting in Brussels were even more disturbing: Secretary of State Warren Christopher said that the United States would condi-tion economic aid on Kiev's ratification of START; and the Belgian fercign minister claimed that Partnership for Peace — the U.S. plan to deepen NATO ties with Eastern Europe and Russia - would not be extended to

Ukraine on the same grounds. The policy of isolation undermines the West's interest in Ukrainian economic reform. Ukraine is in an eco-

nomic crisis so severe that it could endanger the state's independence. The failing economy is exacerbating regionalism, making Ukraine more vulnerable to Russian hegemony. Ukraine's economic crisis is largely

the predominantly Catholic west. Pro-

Russian sentiments are stronger in the

industrialized, Orthodox east, and

these sentiments are intensifying as

The danger of civil strife between

eastern and western Ukraine there-

fore is growing. At a minimum, a civil

conflict that pits Ukrainian national-ists against those, mostly in eastern

Ukraine, favoring closer ties with

Russia will generate huge flows of refugees and place strong pressures on Russia to intervene on behalf of

the 12 million Russians in Ukraine.

that Ukraine is the world's third-rank-

ing nuclear power, in numbers of

weapons, and - with the Ukrainians

Add to this unnerving brew the fact

the Ukrainian economy deteriorates.

the product of the government's inability to implement economic reform and to pay world prices for energy. But in the near term, reform will involve high social and economic costs. These include cuts in social programs and food subsidies, and unemployment caused by fiscal austerity and privatization. An imperialistic Russia might try to exploit the resultant social unrest.

Economic reform, thus, has a breader security dimension. Instead of using Ukraine's economic crisis as a lever, the West should make economic stabilization and reform the principal priorities of its Ukraine policy.

The policy of isolation also risks

inadvertently communicating to Moscow that the West would be indifferent to, if not supportive of, Russian intervention in Ukraine under the guise of promoting global nonproliferation.

A secure, self-confident, and pro-Western Ukraine is the key to a more pluralistic balance of power in postwar Europe and a principle determi-nant of Russia's transformation into a postimperial democratic state. The concept of a democratic Russia is inconsistent with a Russia that has again subordinated Ukraine. The West's nonproliferation goals

are valid. But they must be balanced and integrated into a broader framework. A policy that emphasizes the consolidation of Ukrainian independence first would contribute more effectively to broad Western interests. It would certainly be more productive than a policy of isolation that jeopardizes the stability and security a nation with nuclear weapons.

International Herald Tribune.

believed by the Russian military to be

ment that its oil exports be paid for in feverishly working to gain operational control by cracking the launch codes hard currency at close to world market prices. The constraints on oil as you have a recipe for trouble.
 While international attention cenan energy source have in turn placed nary demands on those old Chemobyl-type nuclear reactors.
Political, ethnic and religious diviters on the Balkans and the prospect of war on the Korean Penins possibility of a major conflict besions within Ukraine are deepening.

> states cannot be dismissed. Sadly, the main obstacle to Ukraine's national salvation is Ukraine itself. The government in Kiev — President Leonid Kravchuk and especially the Ukrainian parliament - has added to the already formidable difficulties of providing help from the outside. The Ukrainian government has pursued shortsighted policies that have brought the country to the verge of economic and political collapse. In so doing, Ukraine risks playing into the hands of precisely those reactionary ele-

ments in Russia, including Vladimir Zhirinovsky, that have never accepted Ukrainian independence. Additionally, by repeatedly saying that it will give up all its nuclear weapons but never quite doing so, and by attaching unrealistic conditions to compliance with its arms control obligations (for example, the United States has offered Ukraine \$176 million to assist with weapons disman-

tling: Ukraine insists it must have bil-lions), the Ukrainian government is losing international credibility. Under U.S. law, Ukraine will not be eligible for nuclear dismantlement assistance unless President Bill Clin-ton can certify that it remains committed to fulfilling all of its arms control obligations. This certification will not be possible unless the recent actions of the Ukrainian parliament are corrected by President Kravchuk and the new parliament. Retention of nuclear weapons jeopardizes rather than enhances Ukraine's security: It provokes the one power that could directly or indirectly destroy Ukraine, creates a serious safety problem, undermines arms control and nonproliferation, and dissolves trust from the West. It is in Ukraine's interests, as well as in the best interests of the world community, to re-

solve this matter speedily.

The Clinton administration has proposed that strategic nuclear weapons in Ukraine be deactivated by removing their warheads. The warheads would then be transported to Russia for disassembly. Ukraine would monitor the process and receive an equitable share of the valuable uranium taken from the warheads, either in the form of reprocessed civilian reactor fuel or hard currency. As part of this plan, the United States will purchase warhead uranium from Russia for reprocessing and sale for eventual use in U.S. civilian reactors.

This proposal, imaginatively conceived by the United States, is an excellent example of how America can play a vital role in moderating tensions between Ukraine and Russia. The main burden for defusing Ukrainian-Russian tensions, however, lies with those two countries.

Beyond the critical issue of nuclear weapons, it is imperative that those in

Ukraine responsible for their country's decline grasp the real dangers of the road they have taken. It is no less imperative that those in Russia responsible for territorial claims and po-litical pressure on Ukraine realize that their behavior contributes to dangerous tensions in Ukrainian-Russian relations and to the current crisis in Ukraine. The United States and its allies must speak clearly and frankly to decision-makers in both countries.

responsible for current policy should be: Your sovereignty is at stake and your prospects for survival as a nation are diminishing, you can dig your own grave as a nation by refusing to undertake the kind of economic and political reforms necessary to attract West-ern investment and revive your economy; you cannot expect economic assistance from the West unless you begin to make the hard economic policy choices that other former Commu-nist countries are making, and finally, Ukraine's standing as a responsible member of the international commumity requires you to live up to your country's solemn pledge to be rid of all nuclear weapons.

The message to those in Russia advocating a hard line toward Ukraine: Your expressed claims to the Crimean portion of Ukraine and your military doctrine that reserves the right of intervention in former Soviet republics understandably have agitated Ukraine; while you have every right to obtain world market prices for your oil, it is not in your interests to bring Ukraine to its knees; if civil strife crapts in Ukraine and you choose to intervene militarily, you must understand that the consequences could bring a devastating setback to your own economy, to Western economic cooperation, and ultimately to prospects for democra-tization in Russia; and finally, any changes in the Ukrainian-Russian border must be undertaken only in accord with recognized norms of in-ternational law and only with the consent of those populations affected

by such changes.

The Washington Post.

Berlin '38 By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK —On Oct. 27, 1938, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt about Joseph Kennedy, then ambassadur to Britain. Mr. Kennedy had been using his post to fight publicly for the ap-peasement of Adolf Hitler. He used the word proudly. He said the West could do fine business with Hitler, and in peace. Only economics counted, he said, — trade, finance, deals — not how the Nazis chose to rule.

not how the Nazis chose to rule.

Justice Frankfurter wrote: "I wonder if Joe Kennedy understands the implication of public talk by an American ambassador. Such public approval of dictatorships, in part even, plays into their hands."

Hitler was already moving to conquer Europe. The Joe Kennedys played their part by looking in their mirrors and crying out that only money mattered. Dictators can always be bought off by cash and

money mattered. Dictators can always be bought off by cash and credits, they said.

Berlin, Yalta, Baghdad, now Beijing. I read the Frankfurter letter, in Nigel Hamilton's book "J.F.K.: Reckless Youth," the day after an interview with J. Stapleton Roy, U.S. ambassador to Beijing, appeared in The New York Times.

At the moment, the issue between

At the moment, the issue between China and the United States is not one of conquest. Well, Tibet, of course. But that was decades ago, and sometimes the Dalai Lama gets

tea in Washington. All that is being asked of China is to treat its own citizens and Tibetans with somewhat more decency - say,

with somewhat more deceacy — say, to refrain from torturing them in prison, rounding them up for labor, enforcing abortion, arresting dissidents; human rights kind of things.

In the interview with The New York Times in Beijing, Mr. Roy concedes that repression is the normal governing method of maintaining control in China. He also says that there were human rights "setbacks" there were human rights "setbacks" in China in 1993. But he comes to the conclusion that because China is moving ahead economically, the lives of its citizens have dramatically improved, and that this should be taken into account when Bill Clinton has to make a major decision this summer. The decision is whether to use the only lever the United States has to

improve human rights in China import tariff rates.
One major reason why China has moved shead economically is that by government regulations Chinese workers are paid so little that labor hardly counts in its international trade balance sheet. For Beijing, rising American tariffs could be such umpleasant medicine that it might decide to loosen up a little on human rights. Maybe not — but it is the only threat the United States has.

Last year, to ward off a powerful congressional move to remove the present Chinese privilege of getting lowest available U.S. tariffs, Mr. Clinton issued an executive order. It bound him to remove that privilege by July 1994 unless he is convinced gress has taken place. Mr. Clinton's ambassador in Beijing plainly be-lieves that the president should de-cree that such progress has been made, despite those "setbacks" and

that continued rule by repression. Mr. Roy is not Joe Kennedy. He does not shoot his mouth off no matter what Washington happens to think, and he stands well in the State Department. That makes it important for the administration to assure Congress publicly that the game is not already fixed against removal of China's lowest tariff privileges. Each traveler to a tyranny sees

what his own ethics permit him to see. Planeloads of Westerners arrive in China, see what their self-interest or mind-set permit - quality control but not police control, more computers but not more kangaroo trials. They return home announcing that they have seen the future and it works. They expound their theory that eventhey expound their theory that even-tually economic progress, even at slave wages, must bring human betterment and human rights. Thus they carve their names for history on a first that includes John Reed, Walter Duranty, Joe Kennedy, Charles Lindbergh

But by now the offense of self-blinding is even greater. What excess blinding is even greater. What Extract can be presented to history now that Nazi Germany, the Soviet empire and imperial Japan have proved the theory one of history's great lies?

Ethically and politically, the decision on China will be one of the

more important that Mr. Clinton will make. The president's name should not be on that indelible list,

The New York Times. "

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1894: Matabele Defeat

CAPETOWN — The Imperial troops, under Colonel Goold-Adams, still remain encamped in the neighborhood of Buluwayo, Mr. Selous considers it probable that Lo-bengula may collect a small following around Panda and migrate across the Zambesi after the rainy season. In any case he regards as certain that the Matabele King will never attack the whites again.

1919: German Mistake

ROME — At the Capitol today [Jan. 4], in the presence of the King and Queen, members of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps, President Wilson said in part: "I have thought in these last days of the colossal unstake which was being committed; the mis-take of force committed by the Central Empires. If Germany had waited only a single generation she would have possessed the commercial empire of the world. She tried to con-

quer by armed force, and the world recognizes always that it is impossible to conquer by arms and that the only thing that can possibly conquer the world is represented by those benefits rendered in commerce, in the relations of individuals in friendship.

1944: Victory Isn't Close

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] The Office of War Information issued its own appraisal today [Jan. 4] of the progress made in the war and the magnitude of the task ahead, based on information supplied by the War and Navy Departments and the Army Air Forces. Peting the question "How far has our side gone towards winning this war?" the O.W.L answered, in effect, "Not very far." One of the points in the report states that the German Army is still powerful and resourceful, and its morale is high; German war pro-duction is still high despite Allied bombings, and there is no evidence that the Nazi home front is cracking.

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Global Culture: The Paradox of U.S. Dominance

TEW YORK — "A civilization progresses from agriculture to paradox." the Romanian aphorist E. M. Cioran once wrote. It is not a conviction that sits particularly well with Americans, who tend to shy away from contradictions and, instead, continue to believe that solutions exist

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for every problem. And yet a dual paradox informs the American situation following the Cold War. The first part concerns how a country by tradition and disposition more self-absorbed than most became the animating spirit of the global culture that more and more predomnates from Guangdong to Berlin. The sec-ond offers the spectacle of a nation whose official ideology is increasingly the "celebra-tion" of diversity, while it remains culturally, although not racially, astonishingly homoge-

neous, not to say conformist, in its antitudes. "All you Americans talk and talk about is diversity," a French intellectual exclaimed in exasperation at the end of an American Studies conference held in Paris last year, "so what I want to know is how it is that

you all sound the same?

A caustic observer might have responded by taking the Frenchman's question a step further and insisting that the genius of the multiculturalist movement was its ability to appear radical while not in fact threaten the status quo - in much the way that the trend in industrial production toward masscustomization gives consumers the impression of being able to get a product designed expressly for them; in fact, technological advances permit an almost infinite segment tation of the consumer base.

In a sense, this process of segmentation, whether expressed in the fracturing of "high-culture" or the proliferation of television channels, or in the multiplication of affinity groups in which people define themselves in terms of being subject to some behavioral pathology, is less the feature of a traditional nation-state than of a world. If one thinks of the United States as having become a universe at least as much as it remains a country, divisions within it make more sense.
All empires, even of the peculiar Ameri-

By David Rieff This is the first of 1100 articles.

can kind, eventually become "world mations," in Walt Whitman's celebrated plurase. If only because this experience of selling to such a monolithically consumerist but segmented public has been the defining experience of American capitalism for so long it should come as no surprise that the global consumer calume — particularly in the realm of movies, music and food — has remained almost an American monopoly in a time when U.S. hegemony in other indus-tries has been shattered.

No wonder so many Americans remain so confident that their parochial concerns and

America's cultural domination has intensified even as its power in other domains has waned.

self-definitions are shared by everyone. With some real exceptions (for example, the Indian film industry within India) it is Hollywood, the American music industry and American food chains that predominate.

The Europeans, the French politicians, are terrified by this. French politicians, cultural impresances and performers tend to talk about what is produced in New York and Los Angeles in rather the same tones as environmentalists talk about the Brazilian

does not resist this American cultural invasion, as a French official remarked to the weekly I. Express, "there will soon develop a standardized world culture created accord-

will inevitably go the way of its dominance in other industries. According to the latter model, columnal power moves with financial and industrial power. When Holland was at its apogee, Dutch styles in home furnishings were imitated all over the world. But, this argument runs, when Holland declined, the

world turned to other models. To some degree, the recent rise of Germany and Japan confirms that such processes still occur. Few countries that become powextel do not succeed (Germany is the obvi-ous exception here) in imposing their national cuisines on the rest of the bourgeois world

or influencing high fashion.

But successfully imposing a taste for sushi
or fil Sander kinen jackets is not the same thing as engendering a global mass culture as the United States has done in the 20th century. It is all the more surprising, then, that the American domination of mass culture has only intensified in a period when American power in other domains has waned. And yet the fact remains that now, American mass culture is a margantage transportation.

culture is everywhere triumphant.
In many instances, the financing for, say, a Hollywood studio will come from overseas, a riousywood shado will come from overseas, and it is commouplace that the people pro-ducing this "American" culture are often imported, like National Hockey League players, from overseas. But such diverse fads as bunger jumping and cigarette smoking, although they did not originate in the United States, seem to gain worldwide acceptance through their commodification — another way of describing their Americanians.

way of describing their Americanization.
Jules Verne was interested in dinosaurs, environmentalists talk about the Brazilian farmers who are burning the Amazon—as an unstoppable horde that will destroy all in its path unless confronted by force.

To them, the situation is clear. If Europe does not resist this American cultural inva-

tinctive about American popular culture is its resolutely popular character. As not only the pressige but the economic significance of the pressign mg to American norms.

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survive only through state subsidy or private philanthropy), it becomes more and more irrelevant to our common cultural future. And in an era of high culture's eclipse, the market can reassert itself.

All things being equal, Wal-Mart is a better investment than Gucci, just as Bruce Springsteen is more valuable as a cultural commodity (both in the literal sense of return on investment and in terms of the numbers of people throughout the world who are affected by him) than even such desperate popularizers as Luciano Pavarotti.

There are exceptions, of course, Very poor countries have succeeded in preserving their cultural authenticity. It can even be argued that the constant flows of immigrants from South to North, and, in the European case, perhaps increasingly from East to West, will function as cultural "reinforcements" from home, both linguistically and in terms of mores, and will serve as an undertow to the general tidal pull toward homogenization. But all of this only underscores something

that most people understand instinctively: that the history of consumerism, like the history of sentiments, proceeds unevenly in different classes and in different parts of the world. The general direction in the world is toward greater similarity. This process of homogenization is as yet incomplete.

But compared with the genuinely diverse world of half a century ago, things have proceeded rapidly. One can now travel the entire world and never be very far from a Coke, a Big Mac or the sound of some American entertainer. There are video rental stores in villages in India where most dwellings still have no electricity. And in Bedouin camps in the Sinai and Zulu kraals in the Transvaal, I have had as many conversations about Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger as I have about Allah or King Cetshwayo.

Whose Voice (What's Voice) Is It?

HARPERS FERRY, West Virginia—The technicians have found a way to bring back the musical past. Memorable performances have been "digitally

remastered" and sound better than they ever did before. I buy the compact discs of Peggy Lee, Dick Haymes, Rosemany

Clooney, dub them to a tape -it

METAMHITE is legal — and play Sunny Side of the Street, "I Surrender, Dear," "Come On-a My House" while driving to work in my vehicular cocoon.

These popular performances bring on a rush of nostalgia, admittedly a sloppy sentiment, but it does my soul good to stir memories of sixting in the 107th Street studio of WNBT when the pro-ducer Alan Handley, my brother Len, and the piano player Johnny Andrews pioneered musical tele-vision with young Dinah Shore.

That is how 90s technology has delivered for me. The new CD sound of Frank Sinatra in the wee small hours" of the '60s is richer, clearer and more moving than it was in mere hi-fi. His greatest singing moments have been recaptured and literally recreated, making it possible for those who enjoyed "the Voice" long ago to marvel at today's far truer reproduction of the bounce

and delight in "I've Got the World on a String." Then modern technology double-crossed me. Mr. Sinatra pro-duced a new album of the old songs, called "Duets," supposedly sung together with such stars

By William Safire

as Liza Minnelli and Julio Iglesias. Much as I despise Mr. Sinatra's bridgework between entertainment, casinos and crime, I have always admired his artistry. and therefore bought the CD. It is a disaster, his voice is shot

Not all the vocal technique and tricks of recording enhancement and propping up by other voices can make him sound other than the pitiful straining of an old man pretending to be the singer he is no longer. Unlike Garbo and Dietrich, who refused to be photographed in their later years lest it spoil the public's memory of their beauty, Mr. Sinatra greedily di-

minishes his reputation. Worse, and more to my point today, the "duets" are a series of artistic frauds. The singers never sang together, never interacted. Mr. Sinatra wheezed out his soundtrack, and later the others —by telephone —laid down their counterfeit counterpoint, much as Natalie Cole created her macabre

"duet" a few years ago with her dead father's "Unforgettable." The question raised is this: When a performer's voice and image can not only be edited, echoed, refined, spliced, corrected and enhanced - but can be transported and combined with others not physically present what is a performance? In our lust for technical brilliance. are we losing the integrity of

individual talent? Arthur Rubinstein and Vladimir Horowitz were not above fixing a wrong note or two in record-

ings of their piano recitals; but then Glenn Gould carried that to an extreme of litting together bits of tape into a mosaic he improper-ly called a performance.

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In the same way, politicians have speechwriters to polish their prose; actors get face-lifts; television newscasters wear makeup and employ dazzling graphics; even pundits have copy editors who save them from embarrassments (and one of us has to study up on fused participles). But this acknowledged outside help is not in the same league with the onrushing multimodia concoction of a mass of talents and electronic techniques masquerading as an artistic entity.

isn't it time for truth-in-showbiz? Shouldn't an audience demand some idea of how much is human and how much is electronically enhanced before it is asked to suspend disbelief? If we accept a star manufactured by an audiographic mixmaster, we make a muddle of individual talent and a mockery of artistic genius.

Enough of additives, plasticity, virtual venality; give me organic entertainment. I want to see Liza Minnelli alone on stage or Karen Akers in cabaret, even if that individual performance is presented on a small screen. It's O.K. if they sweat, or forget a lyric, or hit a sour note. That's the kind of art that life follows.

And that is why I play the tape of the CD of the authentic, '60s Frank Sinatra on the stereo of my 1969 Cougar convertible on the way to work. It makes me

feel so young. The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unappreciated Turkey

Regarding "Here's a Bener Road for Turkey to Travel" (Opinion, Oct. 29) by William Safire:

Mr. Safire, whose sharp-edged

ridiculed as "an ally whose cooperation is for sale." Ankara, of course, has a tested record as a steadfast and reliable ally of the West, both during the

Cold War and after. It has always (at times to the extent of naïveté) put the interests and goals of the Atlantic alliance before its own Turkey currently confronts seri-ous challenges both within its bor-

ders and in adjacent regions: Syrian irredentism and sponsorship of subversion by Kurdish guerrillas; fran's quest for regional domina-tion, partly by faming religious fundamentalism; dreams by some fundamentalism; dreams by some of a "Grand Armenia" at the expense of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey; revived imperation in Russia; and Greek county. The stances of Ankara's NATO allies on these policy challenges have been ambivalent. Despite Turkey's expression importance and the massessiance importance and the massessiance. strategic importance and the mag-nitude of its domestic problems, if is difficult to say that it receives any meaningful support from its allies, including the United States.

Ankara has assumed a valuable role in a changed world at a time when the West is less able or inclined to reward it. Encircled by hostility. Turkey has had to shoulder an even greater defense budget while other NATO members slow their own military spending. MEHMET OGUTCU.

Mr. Safire, whose sharp-edged analyses of world affairs we emoy, has disappointed many Turkish readers, including myself, with this unfair assault on Turkey, which he intervene anywhere in the former Soviet Union?

Neither NATO nor the Confer-

Neither NATO nor the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe has the mandate and clout to provide the required international court of appeal. The only, admittedly creaky, vehicle that seems reliable is the United Nations. but not as presently constituted.
We clearly cannot continue to count on big-power unanimity in the UN Security Council - wit-ness China's current reluctance to

support sanctions against North-Korea on the nuclear issue. Nor is the somewhat artificial distinction between peacekeeping and peace-making likely to be sustainable in a world of ethnic splintering and

ty of the UN Charter may provide the opportunity to remove some of its more obvious warts: Admit Japan, Gernany, India and Brazil
into the Security Council; replace
the veto by a weighted voling system, as in the World Bank; abandon the Somalia generated blame game, and renew support for a small trip-cord UN force. All this would be consistent with Mr. Maynes's realistic rall for regional spheres of influence; but while not guaranteeing the dawning or that new world order we were promised it would at least provide for some general rules to hold negemons to

GUSTAV RANIS.

Rules of the Game

Regarding Toward Spheres of Influence, Pass International (Opinion, Dec. 23) by Charles, Wil-

With the only remaining super-power unwilling to pay even a small price to ensure stability in faraway price to ensure stability in faraway places, Mr. Maynes proposes a system of decentralized spheres of influence to be parceled among major regional powers. This, he contends, would constitute an acceptable version of Resapolitik "if the dominant powers in each region agreed to exercise ambority in accordance with an international process." But he fails to tell us about that for anything. international process. What hap-pens if one of the suggested region-

A Spanish Nightmare

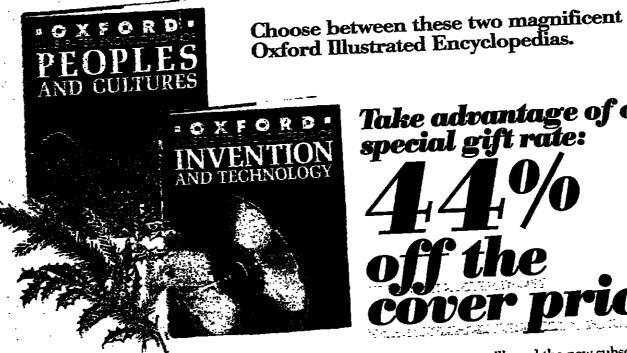
Regarding "The Tangled Tale of the Empty Galleries" (Features, Dec. 20) by Alan Riding

We Americans, being fascinated with foreign cultures, are often wont to think that problems such as those incurred by the Metropoli-tan Museum of Art, in its attempts tan Museum of Art, in its attempts to mount a major Spanish art exhibition, are symptoms of deep seated cultural differences. But as any one who has done or tried to do business in Spain will tell you, Spanish bureau mare. Its tangled structure ulti-mately leaves no one answerable

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105 Die in Venezuela Prison; **Breakout Elsewhere Kills 10**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches CARACAS - At least 10 people were killed while 40 inmaies escaped from one of the country's largest prisons Tuesday, a day after riots killed 105 people at a prison in western Venezuela.

Officials took steps to tighten security at prisons across Venezue-

The rampage on Monday at Sabaneta prison in Maracaibo, 520 kilometers (325 miles) west of Caracas, was described by officials as one of the worst in the country's history. Officials said some of the bodies found after the riot were reduced to "charred pieces" and that at least one prisoner had been decapitated.

baneta in two days, although officials said the first two disturbances were minor. The National Guard eventually put down the riot, during which inmates shot and stabbed each other and two of the prison's three wings went up in

It was the third uprising at Sa-

On Tuesday, nine prisoners and a National Guardsman were killed during the jailbreak at Tocoron prison, one of Venezuela's largest. 120 kilometers southwest of Caracas. Dora Bracho, director general of prisons with the Justice Ministry, said security forces had spread and that nine of the escapees had been recaptured.

MEXICO: Struggle for the Land

Continued from Page 1 left by the Maya, the churches left by the Spaniards and the deep in-

equities that have prevailed. Even after the 1910 revolution, the Indians, heirs to more than 20 language groups, often lived in almost feudal servitude to the owners of the land. The state's riches, from pine forests and tropical farmlands to vast cattle ranches, were con-

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said Terre was able to produce the

panels without chemical additives. As word has spread of this group

that turns waste into jobs, profits

and foreign aid, cabinet ministers

from Brussels and specialists in re-

cycling from Germany, France and

Scandinavia have come to visit,

The Belgian Ministry of Envi-

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Terre's work has gained attention

because in December the European

Union adopted an ambitious recy-

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Mr. Wauters, then a dental techni-

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Chiapas ranks last among Mexican states in households with electricity (66.9 percent), last in chil-dren under 14 who attend school (71.3 percent) and last in people over 14 who can read (69.6 percent).

hazardly by volunteers elsewhere in

Belgium and in Northern Europe.

regular, steady, punctual," Mr. Peereboom said, "The problem

with so many charities is that they

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Patricia Herzal scooped up a

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"I can't get over it," she said,

At the end of the line, the

showing a red Yves Saint Laurent

job, said she was dumbfounded at

the things people throw away.

around the country.

Up close, the cavernous hall of

"Our strength is that we are very

Trucks scour pavements and pear in village markets.

picked up.

ported that the National Guard had stormed the Tocoron prison. The radio said heavy gunfire could be heard after the guard moved in. A criminal court judge, Salvador Cubillan, appointed to investigate the violence, said 105 bodies had been removed from the wreckage of the prison at Maracaibo.

The riot started when rival gangs, one of them composed of Guajiro Indians, began fighting with makeshift knives and firearms in what apparently was a bid for control of the jail. The Indians, reportedly seeking vengeance for the murder of one of their members, locked enemies in a prison area and set it on fire, a National Guardsman said. (Reuters, AFP) Prison Breaks in Brazil

Ninety-three prisoners escaped Monday in two prison breaks in southeast Brazil that left at least nine people injured. The Associated Press reported from Rio de Janeiro. By nightfall, 37 escapees were reported recaptured.

On Monday morning, a gang stormed a prison in Rio de Janeiro and freed a major drug trafficker and 37 other inmates. On Monday afternoon, 55 inmates, many of them armed fled a prison in São Paulo state, leaving two policemen

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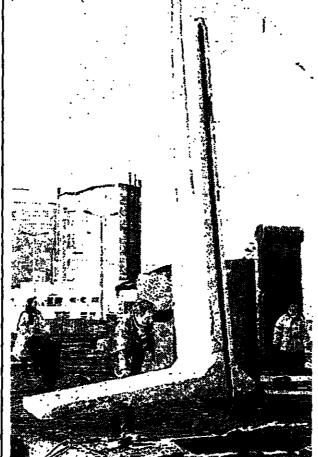
trade. I see it as madness. It shows

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Asked if Western Europe's two-

"Some people call this normal



FREE MARKET MOVE — A worker guiding removal of a vestige of the Berlin Wall on Tuesday at the site of Checkpoint Charlie. A commercial center is being constructed on the site.

USED: Just Look at What the Belgians Throw Away! BALKANS: General to Leave

and advisories when they will be sold to Uganda. Zaire, Burundi in Continued from Page 1

Africa, where they are likely to apabout the fighting in the former doorways on designated routes.

Every week, a German dealer Clothing is usually collected hap-buys a truckload of leather goods. General Jean Cot of France, commander in chief of the 30,000strong UN contingent throughout bags and shoes, destined for Eastern Europe. Woolen garments, the former Yugoslavia, complained coats, sweaters, blankets, go to a distribution point in Pakistan. From there, small traders will lug them over the mountains and sell Monday of the "humiliations" suf-fered by the UN troops and said they were ready for an "offensive

The French foreign minister, Alam Juppe, said in Paris that General Cot "was right to say the dignity" of the UN was "being im-

ened." France, Mr. Juppé said, would not pull its 6,000 troops out of the UN force for the time being, but he did not rule out the possibility if the rival groups in Bosnia stepped up hostilities in coming months.

"I believe the time has not yet come," he said. "No one would understand if we were to leave Sarajevo now, in winter."

A Gaullist deputy, Jacques Bau-mel, vice president of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, said peacekeepers must be allowed to respond if fighters "enyear economic crisis has had any ter their armored vehicles or pull the beard or the moustache of their effect on the things that are thrown clothes, sorted and packed, are ready for their second life: cotton away, he said: "That's the puzzling thing. Despite the crisis, the flow of

The international mediator, Lord Owen, said Tuesday in Vien-

na that the warning parties in Bosnia were "not taking too much no-tice of the United Nations" and

were content to fight on. Canada's prime minister, Jean Chretien, said in Ottawa, that his nation would review its peacekeeping role in Bosnia following the harassment of Canadian soldiers who were subjected to a "mock execution" there last month.

These incidents alarmed Canadians," he told Reuters in an inter-Meanwhile, The United States is about to double the number of

planes dropping relief supplies over Bosnia, a UN spokesman said. "The military airdrop capability over Bosnia will be expanded considerably in the near future," said Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the Sarajevo office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Within the next few days the number of aircraft will be increased to 17" from eight, he said. "These will be mainly American, although the French and Germans are considering raising their contribu-

Of the eight aircraft already fly-ing nightly airdrop missions, six are U.S. C-130s. France and Germany

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that countries interested in joining the alliance can demonstrate their commitment by taking full advantage of the military cooperation provisions and other elements of

says we are going to be undertaking engagements that relate to the secubut not everybody will participate Another senior U.S. diplomat said: "The Partnership for Peace

promise between people who said we should do nothing to offend the Russians and people who said we should let the Eastern Europeans in "But the East Europeans are not ready for that yet. The beauty of the proposal is that it's a frame on whose canvas we can paint whatev-

Advocates of the proposal say

to take in new members in an evo-lutionary manner," he said. "The

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KOREA: Backing Down

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Agency is satisfied, then Washingrom would in exchange suspend joint military exercises that it holds with South Korea each spring.

On Monday, a senior administration official said he hoped the

inspection agency could work out final details with North Korea this week, but an official with the agency said Tuesday that this was over-

Some Asian diplomats and inspection agency officials fear that an agreement that provides for a one-time inspection will set an un-fortunate precedent that the international community permits nations to set conditions on atomic

"If conditions of any type are attached to a resumption of inspections in North Korea, than those terms would have to be examined very carefully," the inspection agency's spokesman, David Kyd, said in a telephone interview.

If North Korea, Washington and the inspection agency reach an agreement, that is expected to lead to high-level talks in which U.S. officials would press the North Koreans to let international inspectors visit two nuclear waste sites.

Those sites, which are not among the seven under negotiation, could furnish evidence of how much weapons-grade nuclear material the North Koreans have.

Arms Sale Said to Be Off North Korea has canceled plans to sell Iran long-range surface-to-surface missiles with nuclear and chemical capabilities, The Associated Press quoted an Israeli news-

paper as saying Tuesday. The Tel Aviv daily Ha'aretz did not attribute its one-sentence front-page report, nor did it say when North Korea called off the sale of the Nodong-1 missiles.

After a few years, it will be clearor which countries are and are not ready to join, and the allies can consider the question of eventual membership then, with its attendant commitment by all members to consider joint armed response against an attack on any one of

President Vaciav Havel of the Czech Republic and Hungarian leaders have also argued that NATO membership for their countries while the alliance was offering cooperation instead of confrontation with Moscow would eliminate any Russian temptation to fill the

Mr. Clinton and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher decided against offering more imme-diate membership to the East Euro-peans, largely on the grounds that a feeling of encirclement in Moscow could weaken the hand of supporters of democracy there, a feeling strengthened after the surprisingly strong showing of ultranationalists under Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky in

NATO: Can Clinton Persuade East to Be Patient? the Russian legislative elections on

Dec. 12. But U.S. diplomats in Bonn and in Brussels deny that the United States is fixated on Moscow at the expense of East European interests

Germany and France have sug-sted offering Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and other countries that are candidates for membership in the Enropean Union an association with its military arm, called the Western European Union.

Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet states would not qualify, because they are not candidates for European Union membership, and thus presumably would not be miffed if East Europeans got into the Western European Uni But until now, no country be-longing to the union has not also

been a member of the NATO alli-ance. That leaves the Partnership for Peace proposal the crucial one. and the way the East Europeans will see it —as a glass half empty or half full — the key imponderable. There is no division within the alliance on the role that the Part

Partnership for Peace: Clinton Sends Salesman

By Daniel Williams Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton will send General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to Eastern Europe before next week's NATO summit meeting to try to persuade former Soviet bloc countries to stop demanding immediate NATO membership and line up behind an evo-

lutionary plan for integration, administration officials say.

He will accompany Madeleine K. Albright, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, who had initially alreaded a procedure to the United Nations, who had initially planned a more limited trip to the region.

The two now plan to travel to the capitals of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia in hope of persuading their leaders to endorse a proposed arrangement of military ties called the Partnership for Peace, U.S. officials said.

After the summit meeting in Brussels on Jan. 10, Mr. Clinton is scheduled to visit Prague and meet with the leaders of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. A less than ringing endorsement of the Partnership for Peace program would be a blow, and the administration is trying to reduce the chances of embarrassment. This is a major blitz," said an administration official.

try to stop a developing notion that the Partnership for Peace program was a way of putting off the Cen-tral and Eastern Europeans in deference to Russian opposition.

The Partnership for Peace has been portrayed in static terms," Mr. Lake said. "That simply is not the case. It should be seen as establishment of a process we believe will and should lead to expansion of NATO, but in ways that are practical, through an evolutionary process, and not imply division of East and West."

But whether the U.S. blitz will be enough to persuade the wary Eurocans is another question. On Monday, East European reporters peppered General Shalikashvili with questions reflecting doubt.

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The Slovak president, Michal Kovac, proposed Tuesday that NATO accept his country and three other East European nations as full "political members" and extend to them immediately guarantees for their security, The Washington Post reported from

ed to present a counterproposal to the Partnership for Peace when he meets with Mr. Clinton in Prague

W. Anthony Lake, the national formally applied Tuesday for security adviser, said Mrs. Albright NATO membership for Lithuania, and General Shalikashvili would Reuters reported from Vilmus.

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watched "The Bill Cosby Show" at

home in Nairobi, read up on Sam-

buru culture to prepare for the mov-ie. "The Samburu life," he said, "is

more alien to me than what I see in

Prior to making the film, Maina

the cities in the United States.

American university.

Charles Gitonga Maina (left) and Kevin Bacon in "The Air Up There," a tale of an American basketball coach who finds a star in Africa.

Out of Africa, a Slam-Dunk Movie Tale

By Peter Applebome New York Times Service

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TLANTA — Charles Gitonga Maina had one small problem in his act-ing debut as an African inbesman who becomes a basketball prodigy in "The Air Up There."

"I would get into a scene, and I would want to laugh because I know it's not true," said Maina, a 20-year-old from Nairobi. "I'd say a line like, 'We don't eat chicken,' and I'd be laughing inside, because I'd eaten chicken the night before."

The film, directed by Paul M. Glaser and co-starring Winston Nishona and Kevin Bacon, opens in New York Friday.

Maina is a city kid whose life in tioned) than with the rural back. The film was shot mostly in Ke-ground of the warnor Saleti he rive and South Africa, with a cast winner of the 1991 Nairobi Slam Dunk Championship. And his unschooled performance turned

lantasy by Max Apple, the Houston author and screenwriter, who is an ardent fan of the Housson Rockets and especially their star center, Ha-keem Olajuwon. In 1980 Olajuwon

out to be exactly what the filmmak-

left his home in Lagos, Nigeria, to attend the University of Houston. "The Air Up There" tells of an ambitious American basketball coach (Bacon) who comes to Africa to recruit a towering temager from the fictional "Winah" tribe in Kenya. (The cattle-herding Winsbi are-based loosely on the Samburn of Kenya, an offshoot of the Massi.) The coach plans to transform

this teemager into the next Olajuwon, Manute Bol or Dikembe Murombo — Africans who went on Nairobi had more in common with to play in the National Basketball

plays. He did, however, being use that includes African actors and athletes and Sambura tribesmen. Since the cast was recruited from various parts of Africa, the actors in the film speak Zulu, Swahili and Samburu.

"What I had in mind was someone just like Hakeem, a former soo- audition as a lark. When asked his elegant rituals of the Samburu beers were seeking.

"The Air Up There" began as a cer goalie, who was just having fun, who began playing not as a busing distribution of the 46 people who ness but as play in the purest anditioned, he was one of two flown sense," said Apple. "Gitonga has it.

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There's a playful quality, a sweetness about him."

> Hollywood Pictures, which is releasing the film, sent Maina on a publicity tour of basketball arenas with Bob McAdoo, a former Los Angeles Lakers star who is an advis-er on the film. Interviewed at an Atlanta hotel, Maina was sporting a close-cropped do and a cap in the bold green, yellow and black of the African National Congress.

In his sportswear from Los Angeles and his Lakers sweatpants, Maina, at 6 foot 8 inches (2 meters), looks like any basketball-crazed Only his accented English — and his casual attitude about basketball —mark him as Kenyan. "In Kenya, basketball is not a big deal," he explained. "You can't make money or a career at it. We play for the

was easy, said Maina, who is Kikuyu and whose father is an auditor with a telecommunications firm and whose mother is a nurse in Nairobi.
"I could get the character out of me at any time, because he's a lot like me, smiling, laughing, playing jokes. He's basically a cheerful,

happy gay."
Maina — wearing tribal regalia, his face and body painted with intricate designs - was also called upon in the movie to display a striking, quiet dignity as the son of the unbe's leader (Ntshona).

sage about the ways different cultures - African and American their distinctiveness. Winabi won en perform at the chimactic basket-ball game, for instance, but their

He set to work to try to persuade others of his vision. His persistence was not in vain; Feb. I marks the launch of the London Arts Season, a \$1.5 million (\$2.25 million) promotion that will link more than 100

of the city's arts venues in an effort to stimulate tourism during the off-peak months of February and Should the prospect of the Picasso exhibit at the Tate Gallery, a performance of "Macbeth" starring

told, the city is, by its nature, a festival already.

By Susan Keselenko Coll

ONDON - When Sir Basil Feldman first

and to organize an arts festival here 10

Derek Jacobi, of an evening with José Carreras in a tricute to Mario Lanza fail to sufficiently intrigue, the festival will offer a bost of "behind the scenes" activities to complement the average of about 100 events For £22 for example, one can not only procure a ticket to "Cais" but attend a backstage workshop or

reportunities for "The Woman in Black "Starlight Express," "Miss Saigon," and "Buddy," Other special events will include a backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Company, a party before the performance of "Five Guys Named Moe" and a series of

meet the cast. Similarly, there are "meet the east

jazz brunches at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Federal topes that, aside from luring tourists, the London.

promotion will help to facilitate their arrangements once they arrive. A brochure, printed in five languages and distributed in 27 countries, offers the opportunity to book events, and tickets have been set aside to help ensure seats for more popular performances.

seems ago, he met with unanimous resis-In addition, a special desk will be set up at the tunce. The arts scene in London is too vast British Travel Centre on Regent Street, where a listing to organize, said the skeptics. And besides, he was of every event is available. The festival will also offer a "White Card" that will provide entrance to 13 galleries But Felicinan, a self-described "arts junkie" who is a and museums for a fixed orice, as well as a "London member of the English Tourist Board, was undeterred. Arts Card" that will entitle visitors to discounts and gilts at various establishments.

The promotion, run under the auspices of the English Tourist Board, the British Tourist Authority, and the London Tourist Board, along with private sponsorship, is intended to highlight the links between tourism and the arts: Tourism is worth about £5 billion a year to London, according to recent surveys, and arts and entertainment lure more than half of Britam's overseas visitors.

Prime Minister John Major has agreed to be the guest of honor at a reception to be held in early February, which will attempt to bring together leading figures in tourism and the arts from both Britain and

Should all go well, says Feldman, this is only the beginning. "I think the London Arts Season will become an annual, regular event. We can make a case for bringing it other times of the year," he adds. "I wanted to get it off the ground by beginning with offering people something at a time of year when there was a distinct commercial benefit."

Susan Keselenko Coll is a free-lance writer living in

Wild and Bleak Dreams

By Sheridan Morley international Herold Tribune

ONDON - Alan Ayckhourn's 44th play may well be his bleakess to date. Wildest Dreams. at the Barbican Pit, is the story of four loners who escape their social despair by meeting weekly to play a dungeons-and-dragons game in which they can sublimate their hopeless characters into such fantasy figures as Alric the Wise and Idonia the Erchantress. can and American cultures.
"I'm a city boy," he said. This fan
of Charlie Chaplin movies, who

But as often in bleaker Ayekbourn territory, all it takes is one nonplaying outsider to bring the game crashing to pieces and with it (Sophie Thompson), a workmate of one of the mishts, and by the end of a short evening she has reduced the others to gibbering wrecks by showing up all their shortcomings. The domestic tribulations that

planned to study computers and business at a college in Kenya. Now, emerge range from child abuse to be is hoping life will imitate art: He wants to play basketball at an wife, reality against fantasy and no As for acting, Maina says: "Basistudent of Ayckbourn can be surcally, I see it as a one-shot deal." He prised by the emotional wreckage would do another movie, he says, that litters the stage long before the "only if it didn't interfere with going last scene.

has found anything new in his lament for the human condition. If

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he has a message, the lantern with which he flashes it to us is flickering very dimly around the Pit. Brenda Blethyn, Barry McCar-thy and Jenna Russell as the other

players all do what they can with limited resources, but in a play most of the players. Here is Marcie about role-playing it is ironic that Ayekbourn has written some of his thinnest roles.

At the King's Head is a joyous revival of Kaulman and Hart's Pulitzer Prize-winning "You Can't Take It With You" from 1936. This was their greatest popular success senile dementia. Brother is set and seen now, toward what looks against brother, husband against like the end of a similar economic and social period, it has a remark-

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games people play to avoid facing avoid tax demands; his son-in-law up to the truth about themselves or makes fireworks in the basement; those with whom they have been his daughter writes plays for no othforced by reasons of parentage or er reason than that someone has left marriage to share their lives. But a typewriter lying about the house; Ayekbourn's production has a other relatives have set up printing tough time convincing us that he presses, allied themselves to Russian exiled nobility, fallen in love with straitlaged stockbrokers, and generally withdrawn from plausibility.

> This is a comedy about the cost of eccentricity and the price of charm, and its enduring triumph is that it remains, after more than half a century, both Chekhovian and humanitarian in a rare Broadway combination. Whatever chaos besets his household, whatever explodes in the cellar, whichever guests arrive on the wrong night, whatever FBI men turn up at the door, grandfather's reflection is always the same one: "Just so long as they are having fun."

And we are, we are, Martin Connor's infinitely agile staging crowds 18 actors onto the minuscule space of the King's Head acting area, and Frank Middlemass and Bridget Turner lead a troupe wonderfully able mix of timelessness and topi- in tune with the breathless good nature of a vintage comedy. We are Essentially it's the story of one more than lucky to have it back for kooky New York household: a while with its multilevel studies in

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The Divine Sarah, Public and Private

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss International Herald Tribune

ARIS - For more than 60 years as the golden-voiced empress of the stage, Sarah Bembardt thrilled mil-lions the world over. After becoming the pride of Paris as a public ornament and yearning for other land. toured Europe with her company and then expanded her travels worldwide.

Books about her abound and new ones continue to come out in many languages. But some are unreliable, and Bernhardt's own memoirs are only a very partial disclo-

Now Vladimir Forgency, a French film and television director, has undertaken a monumental study of the Divine One's pri-vate and public fives that is to span three volumes. The first of these, "Sarah Bernhardt Scandaleuse" (Editions Jaio), has just been published. Forgency has uncarthed valuable information about this illegitimate daughter of a milimer who rose to the heights of the

Foregree's first volume of his Bernhardt trilogy has the flow of a rapid drama, fascinating and full of suspense. It contains the

sure. They stop at 1888, 35 years before her material for a play or a film as it sets before us the indefatigable actress who rose from pov-erty and despair to become the intimate of the great artists and authors of her age. She was one of the first superstars and her legend

> In the 1950s the American critic George Jean Nathan, talking with a Paris colleague visiting New York, asked about French actors he recalled and was pleased that they were still alive. Nathan the

> is Sarah Bernhardt still dead? "Sarah is an artist who will never die," replied his guest. "She is the idol of every young actress in France."

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KAFKA WAS THE RAGE By Anatole Broyard 149 pages. \$18. Carol Southern Books.

Reviewed by Joyce Johnson

I N 1948, 28-year-old Anatole Broyard made his reputation by publishing an essay about the hip-sters, those members of his generation whose alienation was so deep as to drive them into the subterranean. depths of Bohemia. The essay could have been entitled "A Request for the Hipsier" rather than "A Porsince, rather dismissively, Broyard chose to write in the past tense about a subgroup that had just captured public attention:

As he was the illegitimate son of the Lost Generation, the hipster was

really nowhere. And just as ampu-tees often seem to localize their strongest sensations in the missing limb, so the hipster longed, from the very beginning, to be somewhere. He was like a beetle on its back; his life was a struggle to get straight. But the laws of human gravity kept him overthrown, because he was always of the minority -- opposed in race ing to those who owned the

machinery of recognition." The hipsters were the procursors of the Beats, the movement that his unfinished, posthamously published memou. No one knew then

1946 immediately after getting out of the army, Broyard allied himself Jewish writers whose work apwould burst up from the under- berg into a world of nocturnal exground-10 years later and release perience outside the realm of books the pent-up, anxious croticism of and ideas in foraya to the Los Hapyoung Americans. Looking back to py Boys ballroom in Spanish Harthe late '41s, Annuale Broyard lem. Broyard studied with Erich whites in 'Kafka Was the Rage,' Fromm, Karen Horney and Meyer

fairly quickly not with the hipsters but with the circle of older, mostly peared in the Partisan Review. He opened a secondhand bookstore on Cornelia Street and for a time was the Hemingwayesque guide who led Delmore Schwartz, Dwight MacDonald and Clement Green-Fromm, Karen Horney and Meyer Shapino at the New School for So-

in trying to escape from freedom."
As a young, ambitious intellectu-

il, arriving in Greenwich Village in

elderly men about the bygone Bobe mias of their youth. Both memoirs could be described as valentines

but valentines with barbs. When Broyard was writing about the more sexually reluctant young women he relentlessly pursued, women who "wore their souls like negligees that they never took off,"
who had a touching air of crucifixinn as they removed their brassieres, there were traces of contempt. I was not surprising that when Broyard became a mainstream book cial Research and tried to cultivate critic for The New York Times charthat we would turn out to be right a European despair and a liking for ing the 1970s, the emerging feminist writers found many of his reviews grammonsiy hostile.

> "Kafka Was the Rage" also de me feel deeply nostalgic 10 THE BOOK OF VIRTUES, when I wasn't wincing.

> > Broyard was writing his best when he was celebrating rather than disparaging, and he did absolutely capture the hopes, the anxieties, the withful energy — both sexual and intellectual — and the historical poignancy of the huminous years when everyone in Washington Square was carrying a book: "Though much of the Village was shabby. I didn't mind. I thought all character was a form of shabbiness, a wearing away of surfaces. I saw this shabbiness as our version of rains, the relic of a short history. The sadness of the buildings was literature. I was twen-

even an aphrodisiac."

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For U.S. Investors, Payoff at Last

Dividend Increases Hit a 10-Year High in December

New York Times Service NEW YORK -The long dividend drought is ending for invescould look forward to dividends tors in American companies.

A rush of dividend increases in totaling \$12.74 over the next year for each \$466.45 paid - assumthe final month of 1993 made it ing the companies pay out as in-dicated by their current annual the best December since 1983 in

terms of the number of compa-nies raising their dividends. This rate. That indicated a yield on the index of 2.73 percent. helped push the payout on the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index up significantly. "It is pretty much a reflection of what is happening in the economy," said Arnold Kanfman, editor

of Standard & Poor's Cosp.'s Outlook newsletter, which released the figures. "I think dividends will reasin strong in 1994."

Dividend moves are a lagging indicator of the economy, be-cause companies tend to increase

payouts only after they have seen profits rise and are confident that the increase can be sustained. In December, 171 American companies announced dividend increases, far above the total of 121 a year earlier and just short of the record for December of 175,

set a decade earlier. For the entire year, there were 1,635 increases, a 23 percent increase from the 1992 figure of 1,333 and just below the 1989 level of 1,656.

The most-watched figure on dividends, however, is the payout

rate on the S&P 500 stocks. A hypothetical investor who bought hypothetical investor who bought dez announced dividend inires in each of the companies in

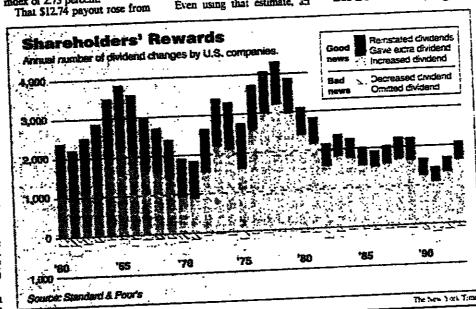
The actual payout on the index in 1993, Mr. Kaufman estimated. was about \$12.51, up only 2 percent from \$12.27 in 1992. He estimated that the payments would rise 6 percent this year, to \$13.25.

Even using that estimate, 23

den at the end of 1993 could expect to get a dividend yield of only 2.84 percent. A yield of less than 3 percent has traditionally been viewed as a warning that

stocks were gening overvalued. Buils say, however, that with interest rates down sharply throughout the economy, the 3

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Bristol-Myers Will Slash 5,000 Jobs

NEW YORK — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. said Tuesday it would cat 5,000 jobs, about 10 percent of its worldwide total, over the next

two years as reorganizes.

About 1,500 of the jobs will be lost through a voluntary early retirement program offered to em-ployees in September. The company refused to say if all of the restructuring costs would be covered by a charge Bristol-Myers took in the fourth quarter of 1992. About 3,000 jobs are to be cut in

Bristol-Myers' pharmacentical division, which is being reorganized. Of that number, 700 will be from

into 12 regional business units supported by a managed-care opera-tion and a marketing staff. The backs in little more than a year. In

The Pharmaceutical Group's European operations also will be reorganized. As a result, the current structure of four regions will be disbanded, wiping out one layer of management, and 11 business units now will report directly to a European headquarters in Munich.

As managed care increases its scape, drug makers have been forced to cut prices in negotiations with large purchasers such as

ny's sales force will be reorganized and other third-party payers who The is the second wave of cut-

sales force previously was separate. October 1992, Bristol-Myers said it was cutting its worldwide work force by 10 percent, about 2,200 jobs, amid pressure to keep the lid on drug prices. Some analysis have said Bristol-

Myers has long been in need of a restructuring. Its sales are flat, and earnings per share have been con-sidered modest even in an industry presence on the health-care land-that has been facing difficulties.

The company's core businesses

— pharmaceuticals, medical devices, nonprescription health prod-

In the United States, the compaed a decline in sales of about percent or gains of no more than 2 percent, according to Neil Sweig, an analyst with Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

The company reported revenue figures were released on Tuesday, of \$11.12 billion in 1992. Analysts have predicted sales rose to \$11.58 have predicted sales rose to \$11.58

past year in anticipation of new health-care plan.

Falling Output Raises Doubts In Germany

BONN - West German industrial output has fallen more sharply than expected, figures released on Tuesday showed, raising fears that the economy may not be recovering as expected.

"These figures show that all the talk about a recovery is far 100 early," Gerhard Grebe, chief econ-omist with Bank Julius Bar.

Industrial output in Western Germany fell 2.1 percent in November from the previous month, the Economics Ministry had said. According to Bundesbank statistics, it was 4.5 percent below the level of November 1992.

The Federal Statistics Office, which prepares the data for the ministry, said that it expected to revise the November figures to

show an even larger fall.

The decline in November output was partly due to a cold spell that brought building activity to a halt, but economists said a surprisingly steep 1.8 percent fall in factory out-put indicated business confidence remained weak.

since the latest business survey by the respected Ifo Institute for Economic Research had suggested pro-

duction was stabilizing.

Because of the sharp fall in manulacturing output, economists said could not be attributed solely to bad weather but suggested that gross domestic product in the

fourth quarter would decline.
Economists had been expecting GDP, which rose 0.5 percent in both the second and third quarters of 1993 after falling in the two previous quarters, to show continned growth in the fourth. After the

cent were too optimistic. Pharmaceuticals companies have "One percent GDP growth in been scrambling to cut costs for the 1994 will now be difficult to achieve," said Mr. Schneider. West German industry orders

this week, will provide an indicathis week, will provide an indicathis week, will provide an indication of the size of the expected
Knight-Ridder, AP, UPI) decline in December's production

ligures. Orders fell 0.3 percent in October from the previous month.
Output could rise in the first quarter if retail sales were good at the end of 1993, if building activity picks up after December's floods and if business confidence contin-

ues to improve.
"If business confidence holds up, maybe we will see some growth starting in January or February, said Alison Cottrell, economist with Midland Global Markets. But economists also said there was a chance that West Germany

could slip into a so-called "double dip" recession.
"If the first quarter turns out to be negative, then I would say it's a double-dip, but if orders and busi-

ness confidence continue to show stability, then I'd say it's not," said Ms. Conrell said. Despite the unification of East and West Germany in 1990, sepa-rate statistics are still published.

France Names The figures came as a surprise Outside Members Of Bank Panel

PARIS - The six lay members of the newly independent Bank of France's Monetary Policy Council

were chosen late on Tuesday. Sources close to the talks said President François Mitterrand, a Socialist, had been pressing for Mi-chel Sapin, finance minister in the Socialist government defeated in March, to be on the powerful ninemember panel. Prime Minister Edouard Balla-

dur, a conservative, initially resisted the nomination but later agreed. The sources said that Michel Albert would resign as chairman of the state-owned Assurances Generales de France to join the panel, along with Jean Boissonnat, an economic commentator. The sources said three other candidates, whom they der the President Bill Clinton's data for November, expected later did not identify, had been largely agreed. The six will join Banque of France Governor Jean-Claude Trichet and two deputies on the panel.

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What's Missing? Surprise!

By Bernard Weinranb

OLLYWOOD — Forget comedy se-quels. Worry about westerns, Focus on A-list movie stars, but only if they play predictable roles: Robin Williams as a namy, Julia Roberts as a woman on the run, Tom namy, Julia Roberts as a woman on the run, Tom-Cruise as a vacuous yuppie lawyer in danger.

With movie studios planning to release at least
150 films in 1994, the economic leasons of 1993
have made Hollywood jittery. The average cost of
a film is about \$25 million, there were more dusls
than hits, and some of the biggest studios endured
financial flops in a generally bleak year.

The good news for Hollywood in 1994 is that on
Wall Street, studios are generally deemed valuable
properties, as the struggle for control of Paramount Communications Inc. has shown.

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The bad news is that its films generally remain costly to make and aesthetically impoverished.

Even Universal Pictures, which produced Steven Spielberg's "Imassic Park," the No. 1 movie of the year and the highest-grossing film in history, faced disappointments—it is expected to wind up thind in market share, behind Warner Brothers and Buena Visia, the distributing arm of the Walt Disney studios, but ahead of Columbia Pictures, 20th Century Fox, Paramount and Tristar.

For 1994, then, Hollywood executives have come to a none-too-starting conclusion. "It'll be more of the same," said Joe Roth, the former chairman of 20th Century Fox. "There were seven movies in 1993 that did \$100 million. Each of them could have been packed by a kid in the fourth grade. There were big stars doing exactly what the andience wanted them to do."

To be specific, there were: Steven Spielberg playing with dinosaurs, Harrison Ford in "The Firm." Fugitive, "Tom Cruise as a lawyer in "The Firm." Chint Eastwood as an aging Secret Service agent in

"In the Line of Fire," Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in the romantic "Sleepless in Seattle," and, according to Mr. Roth and others, Robin Williams in "Mrs. Doubtfire" and Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington in "The Pelican Brief."

The predictions of big hits for the new year are, well, predictable. These include two Warner Brothers films—"Maverick," starring Mel Gibson and Jodie Foster, opening in May, and "Wyatt Earp," an epic starring Kevin Cosmer, Gene Hackman and Dennis Quand, opening in July.

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Yet Warner Brothers and other studios are nervous about the westerns. These films were given the green light after the success in recent years of "Dances With Wolves" and "Unforgiven." This year, however, "Geronimo," produced by Columbia, fared poorly. And Warner Brothers' "A Perfect World" proved disappointing.

Connedy sequels in 1993, such as "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" and "Addams Family Values," also did less business than expected. But several

Back in the Habit" and "Addams Family Values," also did less business than expected. But several sequels are coming, including Paramount's "Bereity Hills Cop 3," starring Eddie Murphy, Billy Crystal's "City Slickers 2." a Castle Rock-Columbia project, and Universal's "Flintstones."

Other high-profile films that Hollywood executives see as potentially intuing the \$100 million mark are Walt Dissoey's animated "Lion King" and a comedy with Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte, "I Love Thouble." Warner Brothers will also be releasing "Interview With the Vampire," starring Tom Cruise, late in the year.

Paramount is making an adaptation of the Tom Clancy novel "Clear and Present Danger," starring Harrison Ford.

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Harrison Ford.

For all the predictions, the most common piece
of wisdom in Hollywood is the one expressed
several years ago by the screenwriter and novelist
William Goldman. It is repeated like a mantra at
this time of year. "No one knows anything."

Metall Said To Prepare

FRANKFURT - Metallgesells chaft AG is expected to raise about 300 million Deutsche marks (\$172.8 million) through a rights issue of 1.2 million shares priced at 250 DM

each, industry sources said Tuesday. The sources said the new stock is expected to be issued soon and will use up all of the company's 60 million DM in nominal authorized but unissued capital. The company

Metallgesellschaft has issued capital of 8.835 million shares, worth a nominal 441.75 million DM. The company's stock ended Tuesday at 267.5 DM, down 11.5. The sources said the rights issue

Share Offer

refused to comment on the possible rights issue before a meeting Wednesday of the company's crednor banks.

is expected to top the agenda of Wednesday's meeting between Dentsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG, which together own more than 23 percent of Metallige-

Last week, the company con-firmed reports that its gross debt totaled 8 billion DM. Metallge-sellschaft's financial difficulties emerged following heavy losses by its U.S. subsidiary MG Corp. in oil futures, which led to the dismissal of a number of board members, including Heinz Schimmelbusch, the company's chief executive.

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Bond Rally Pushes Stock Prices Up

Bloomberg Business News

NEW YORK - Prices rose Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange as gains in the Treasury market helped to offset concern about rising interest rates.

"The bond market has stabilized today, and that's giving the market a boost," said John Blair, head trader at NatWest Securities Corp. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 27.30 points, to 3,783,90.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 1.45, to 466.89, while the

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American Stock Exchange index was up 0.12 point, to 477,36. The Nasdaq over-the-counter in-dex was higher for the seventh time in the past eight days, gaining 3.56, to 774.28.

Still, interest rates remain a concern, analysts said. "Rates keep go-ing higher, and that's prompting fear that investors may sell stocks and buy fixed-income investments," said Thom Brown, managing director at Rutherford, Brown & Catherwood

Long-term interest rates were hovering near their highest levels in four-and-a-half months. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond was 6.35 percent, down from 6.41 percent on Monday while the price of the bond stood at 98 21/32.

The recent rise in rates is tied to concern that a robust economic recovery may cause the Federal Re- 56% and Ford gained 4: to 63%.

ket rates early this year. Elaine Garzarelli of Lehman Brothers, the prophet of the 1987 market collapse, turned slightly less bullish Tuesday on U.S. stocks in part because of concern about rising mon-

"The federal funds rate had been on a steady decline since December 1989; however, with a stronger economic outlook, further declines will likely be limited. Ms. Garzarelli said, referring to the charge on overnight interbank loans.

Shares of computer and drug manufacturers, which underper-formed market averages in recent months, rallied.

Oracle Corp. rebounded 1% to 30% after falling almost 16 percent in the past two weeks on concern about the earnings outlook. Oracle was added to the "focus" list at S.G. Warburg & Co.

Drug stocks were higher, led by Merck & Co., which gained % to 36, and Syntex Corp., which rose % to 16%. "The health-care industry is driving inexorably toward man-aged care," said Frederick Taylor, chief investment officer of U.S.

Carmakers rose amid the release of stronger-than-expected late-December vehicle sales and anticipation of the industry's annual trade show later in the week. Chrysler surged 2½ to 56, GM was up 13s to

Profit-Takers Undercut The Dollar's Advance

NEW YORK - The dollar slipped against major European currencies on Tuesday as late profit-taking crased gains that brought the unit to a five-and-a-half month high against the mark and a nine-

month high against the yen. But dealers said the dollar remained broadly underpinned by

Foreign Exchange

speculation that the Bundesbank's central council might cut interest

rates when it meets on Thursday.

The dollar could lose a bit more of it's turn-of-the-year spike, but any reversal will be short-lived," said Avinash Persaud, head of currency research at J. P. Morgan Eu-

The dollar closed at 1.7355 DM on Tuesday, below an intraday high of 1.7450 DM and a close on Monday at 1.7435 DM. It closed at 112.65 year, off from a high of 113.48 yen and a Monday close of 112.70 yen_

said the dollar was likely to trade in a tight range against the mark dur-

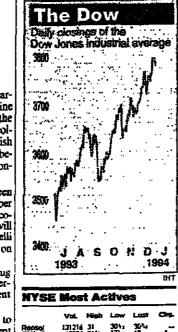
ing the run-up to the Bundesbank meeting and to the scheduled re-lease on Friday of U.S. nonfarm payroll data.

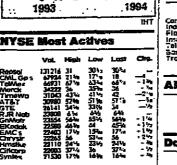
"Dealers do not want to go short dollars into the Bundesbank meeting just in case they cut rates," he said. Equally, they do not want to be short marks going into the non-farm payroll. Trading is thus likely to be choppy, with the dollar having a moderately positive tone."

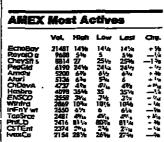
"For the dollar in the short term to break above the key 1.7480 resistance level requires the nonfarm payroll to come out at above 250,000," Mr. Gilmore said. Many analysts expect a figure of 200,000 to 225,000.

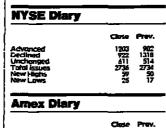
A wave of dollar sales by German commercial banks raised speculation the Bundesbank had intervened. Bundesbank officials have said several times recently that the stability of the mark must be assured if credit easing is to continue.

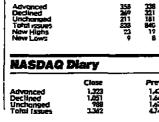
The dollar slipped to 1.4825Swiss francs from 1.4940 David Gilmore, a currency analyst with MCM CurrencyWatch, from 5.9333 francs. The pound rose to \$1,4860 from \$1.4755. (AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)

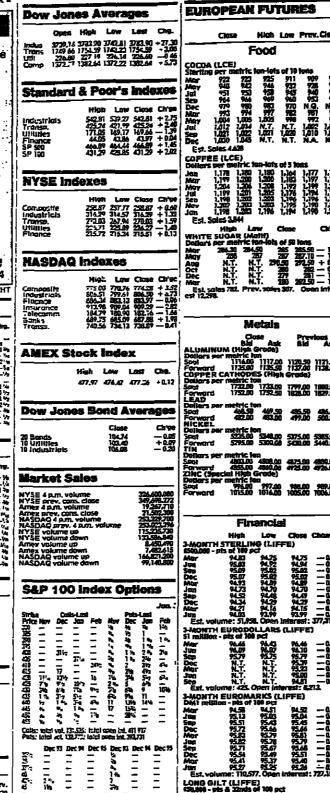












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Centerior Energy Cuts Its Dividend CLEVELAND (Combined Dispatches) — Centerior Energy Corp.

said Tuesday it had cut its dividend in half, to 20 cents a share, and taken a \$1.02 billion charge against fourth-quarter earnings.

The charge includes \$430 million from Centerior's subsidiaries writing off investments in the uncompleted Perry Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2, and about \$590 million for Centerior's write-off of previously deferred.

and about \$590 million for Centerior's with the state of the charges stemming from a 1989 rate agreement.

The holding company for the utilities Cleveland Electric Illuminating. Co. and Toledo Edison Co. also cited increasing competition and surplustry in its service territory.

(UPI, Knight-Ridder):

Sara Lee President Suddenly Retires

CHICAGO (AP) - Sara Lee Corp. on Tuesday announced the mexpected retirement of Cornelis Boonstra, president and a director of the food and knitwear company, for undisclosed personal reasons.

There was no indication that Mr. Boonstra, who was unavailable for comment, had had a disagreement with the Sara Lee chairman, John H. Comment, não não a disagreement with the Sain Lee Chamman, Rain H., Bryan, over business policy or strategy. Mr. Boonstra, a Netherlands native, had been considered the executive most likely to succeed Mr. Bryan, 57. Mr.

had been considered the executive most likely to succeed Mr. Bryan, 57. Mr. Bryan has not given any indication of plans to resign or retire.

"It's a surprise, but I don't read anything literior or any deeper meaning into this," said Roger Spencer, a food-industry analyst with PaineWebber Inc. in Chicago. Sara Lee brands, in addition to its baked goods, include Hanes, L'eggs, Dim, Playtex, Champion, Hillshire Farm, Ball Park and Jimmy Dean.

Bank America to Settle a Claim

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) — BankAmerica Corp. said Tuesday it had agreed to pay £25 million (\$36.9 million) to Mirror Group Newspapers PLC's pension fund to settle claims against it.

Newspapers PLC's pension fund to settle claims against it.

The banking company said the payment was in settlement of pension fund trustees claims related to BankAmerica's role as custodian of some assets of the fund. BankAmerica said it agreed to the payment "without admitting any legal responsibility for losses incurred" by the Mirror fund.

The late Robert Maxwell took more than \$400 million of assets from various pension funds to prop up his private companies. Officials of the pension funds have been battling since his death in November 1991 to recover the funds. (AFX, Knight-Ridder) recover the funds.

Disney's Chairman Gets No Bonus

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — For the first time in his 10 years at Walt Disney Co., Michael Eisner, chairman of the entertainment and

at Watt Disney Co., Michael Eisner, chairman of the entertainment and amisement-park concern, received no bonus in the year ended Sept. 30.

Mr. Eisner, who received bonuses averaging \$7.3 million in each of the previous three years, received only his annual salary of \$750,000 and an income targets specified in his employment contract, according to a proxy statement filed Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The executive, however, did exercise stock options during the year that yielded paper profits of about \$202 million, according to the filling. It did not specify what stock prices had been used as the basis for the stock of the stock options. not specify what stock prices had been used as the basis for that calculation. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

For the Record

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. posted. combined 1993 domestic sales of 10.4 million cars and trucks, an increase of nearly 10.4 percent over 1992.

Coopers & Lybrand has decided to adopt Lotus Development Corp.'s products for use on all of the accounting and consulting concern's personal computers, which are used by its 70,000 employees in 120 countries. The order is worth about \$10 million, but it could have a broader impact because Coopers is an influential business consultant on the corporate use of information technology. (NYT)

Black & Decker Corp. said Tuesday it had sold its Corbin Russwin' architectural hardware business to Williams Holdings PLC, the London based maker of Yale brand locks, for \$80 million. Corbin Russwin makes door locks and hardware for commercial buildings. (AP, Knight-Ridder)

Chevron Gives Workers Cash Bonus

SAN FRANCISCO - Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it would share the results of its improved financial performance by giving 42,500 workers a one-time cash bonus amounting to 5 percent of their base pay.

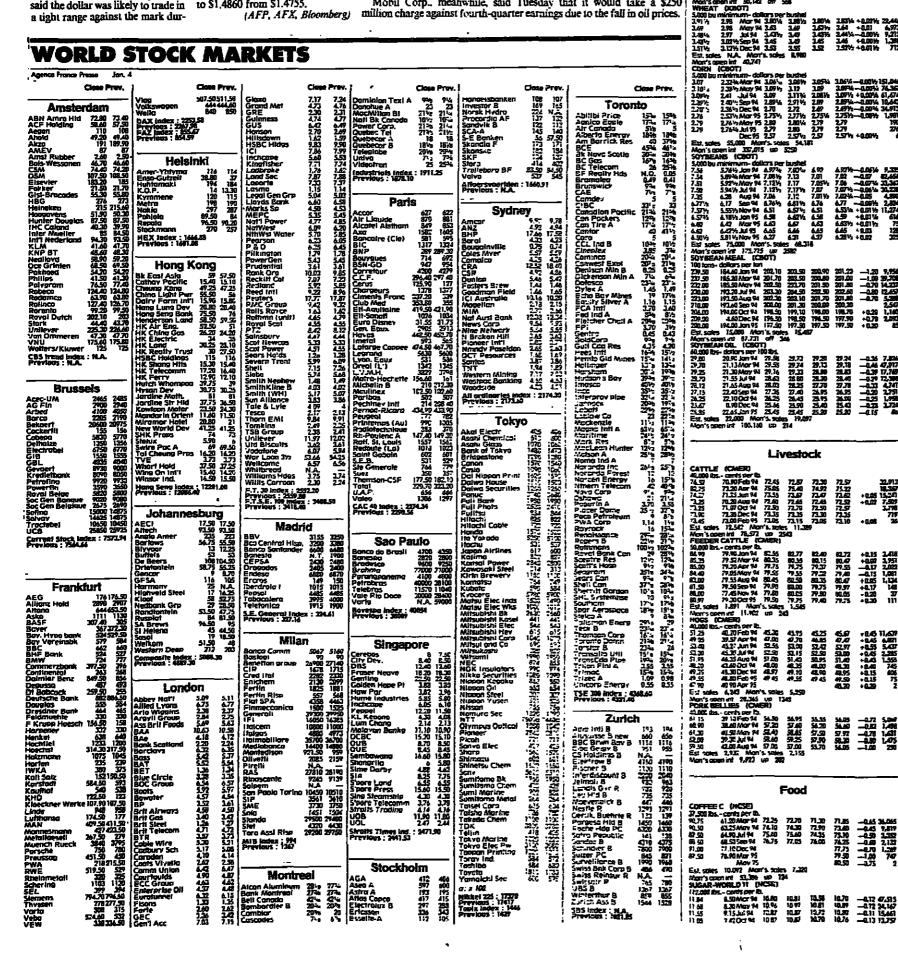
The payout was made because the company had met a five-year goal of achieving the highest total return to stockholders among U.S. oil companies. It will require the company to record a \$70 million charge in the

Chevron also said it was giving each worker a special watch in recognition of the achievement. Mobil Corp., meanwhile, said Tuesday that it would take a \$250 million charge against fourth-quarter earnings due to the fall in oil prices.

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Eurotunnel Gets Banks' Approval To Raise Funds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Tuesday that its bankers approved a financial plan that would give the operator of the Channel tunnel access to 10 billion francs (\$1.69 billion) it needs to open the facility in

23 banks that head Eurotunnel's banking syndicate, will also allow the company to meet its interest

Half of the 10 billion francs will come from a capital increase to be launched later in the year. If agreements are reached rapidly, the push to raise funds from the public night get under way sometime near March 7, the scheduled date for the opening of the tunnel.

220 creditor banks, other banks, or by the European Investment Bank. An accord had originally been due for completion by Nov. 30, but

the deadline was extended until Tuesday to allow more time for negotiations.

What we have now is a frame-

work accord which will allow us to PARIS - Eurotunnel PLC said press ahead with pians for the rights issue," said Annabel Salmon. spoke-we man for Europeanal, "and which will allow banks to raise funds from the syndicate banks."

In early October, Eurotunnel issued new financial estimates, calcultains that its each requirements from its foundation in 1986 through the first commercial services in March would be £8.75 biilion (\$129 billion).

The announcement on Tuesday means :: can go anead with attempts to put that funding in place although the accord does not itself guarantee the funds will be raised. The agreement is the latest in a

series of favorable developments for Europunnel. On Dec. 29, the The other half of the 10 billion British and French governments francs will come from new loans to announced that they were extendbe granted either by Eurotunnel's ing their franchise on the tunnel to 65 years from 55 years, improving its revenue occspects and making it easier to fine financing now.

In December, Eurotennel settled a dispute with Bombardier Inc. which has been building trains for

Madrid Insists Its Takeover Of Banesto Was Justified

MADRID - Facing pressure from shareholders, Spanish au-thorities Tuesday stood by their decision last week to intervene at that the Bank of Spain had been excessively prudent in its assessconflicting reports about the

The Bank of Spain took over the bank's management Dec. 28, firing Chairman Mario Conde and his board and igniting Spain's biggest banking crisis in years. The central bank said Banesto, awash in bad debt, lacked the resources to cover

A Spanish monetary source said Tuesday that although Benesto's adviser, J. P. Morgan & Co., had put its needs at substantially less than the 503 billion pesetas (\$3.52 billion) the central bank said it was short, Morgan had not given Ma-drid sufficient assurances that it

to the concern among shareholders.

some of whom fear that the bank's capital might be reduced to zero to meet its deligit.

"Morean evidently considered ment." the monetary source said. In a letter to the Bank of Spain or

Dec. 27. 2 vice president of J.P. Morgan Roberto Mendoza said Banesto had devised a plan to cover its deficit. He added, "J. P. Morgan believes that Banesto's proposed plan is feasible and in the best interests of Banesto, its shareholders and the Spanish banking system."

But the Spanish monetary source said the letter, which also offered to lead a \$400 million debt issue in the second quarter of 1994 and sell half of Banesto's 50 percent stake in the Portuguese bank Banco Totta y Açores, did not offer sufficient

"If the letter had represented a Would stand behind Banesto.

Confusion over the exact scale of Banesto's troubles has contributed York, it might have received a different response." the source said.

The fetter has a system of the businesses. "It is absolutely not expected," he said, "that we will close such and such a site." ferent response." the source said.

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Very briefly:

French company bankruptoies rose by 11.2 percent in 1993, to 68,111. Société Nationale de Chemins de Fer Français. France's state-owned railway, announced a provisional loss of 7.3 billion francs (\$1.24 billion) for 1993, its worst result in 15 years.

• Mercedes-Benz AG is discussing a joint venture to make cars with Tata Group of India, the country's largest manufacturer, according to a Press Trust of India report quoting Tata Chairman Ratan Tata. Mercedes-Benz Trust of India report quoting Tata Chairman Ratan Tata.

• Britain's key money supply barometer rose by I percent in December from November, bringing the increase during 1995 to 5.8 percent, well above the government's targeted ceiling of 4 percent announced last year. • Pentland PLC, a British sports equipment company, bought a 90 percent stake in the Italian sports clothier Eliesse for 50.6 billion lire

• P & O European Ferries carried 8.9 million passengers on the cross-Channel route between Calais and Dover in 1993, 2 20 percent increase

• Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV said it planned to float its mobile

telecommunications consortium if it wins a digital Europe-wide license offered by the Dutch government.

Options for Shell, Montedison

PARIS — Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Montedison SpA each have an option to buy out the other partner from the 50-50 plastics joint venture they announced last week, a

Jean-Pierre Meurin, the chairman of Shell Chimie, a unit of Shell France, said there was no umerable for exercising the option.

Mr. Mearm said there was no plan to shut sites once the two compamies had merged their polyoletins businesses. "It is absolutely not ex-

Shell Chimic executives were giving some details of how the creation of the joint Shell/Montedison venture would affect Shell's French chemicals unit.

The venture will have 18.1 percen of world polypropylene capacity in a cyclical industry where competition is harsh and technological change is rapid. Polypropylene is used in car parts, wrappings and

plastic housings.
Philippe Callot, head of petrochemicals at Shell Chimie, said world demand for polypropylene was growing at an annual rate of 6

GM and VW Have Their Day in Court

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — Another act in the drama between carmakers General Motors Corp. and Volkswagen with Mr. Piech in July compared the AG begins Wednesday as a trial opens to decide if seven managers who GM claims were poached last

year may remain at VW. The trial in Frankfurt state court is the result of charges levelled by GM's German subsidiary Adam GM's German subsidiary Adam with misleading the public ing VW with misleading the public commissioned ausides failed to reach an out-of-court settlement last year.

dustrial espionage by Mr. Lopez. In the Frankfurt case this week

settlement last year.

Although no witnesses will be called on Wednesday, according to a spokesman for the court, the trial will include appearances by the VW production chief. José Ignacio Lopez de Arriornia, whose hiring from GM sparked the dispute, and by the management board chairman of VW, Ferdinand Fièch.

The Frankfurt case this week, Mr. Seifert of Opel said the court would be asked to confirm an earli-seruporary order that barred VW ertemporary to the seiling to hure away other from seeking to hu

VW, Ferdinand Pièch.

The trial could develop into a long battle. "This should last for many months," the VW attorney handling the case, Jürgen Kicker, said. A spokesman for Opel, Bruno Seifert, said the proceedings could be concluded in as little as a month.

The trial is one of many legal The trial is one of many legal proceedings involving VW and GM that began when Mr. Lopez switched to the German carmaker from GM last March.

from GM last March.

Opel is also pursuing criminal allegations of industrial espionage against Mr. Lopez and VW. The charges are being investigated by authorities in both the United States and in Germany.

VW. which is suffering heavy losses as Europe's car market remains stuck in a deep recession, has

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Mr. Lopez's ability to slash costs.

Opel AG that VW gained an unfair with a company-commissioned auformer GM managers. The two sides failed to reach an ope-of-court

in Determor a lower court rejected on a technicality an Opel request for temporary injunction banning further employment of the seven ex-GM workers in question. But just after the decision was handed down, Opel's attorney,

nanded down, Oper's attorney, Heinz Wetterkamp, called the in-junction proceedings a "sideshow" ahead of the main event beginning this week. "We are confident that the main case in January will have a different outcome," an Opel board member,

Horst Borghs, said after the December decision. In other cases, prosecutors in Hamburg are investigating Mr. Lo-pez on suspicion of making false statements under oath in a case in

which a state court ruled that Der Spiegel magazine could repeat allegations of industrial espionage

against him. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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DIVIDENDS: A Payout Payoff from 146 in 1992 and from the peak

Continued from Page 9 percent warning level may be out-

A year ago, those who followed the payout rate on the S&P 500 were seeing several reductions bewere seeing several reductions being made, especially by International Business Machines Corp.
Those cuts reduced the annual payout rate from \$12.58 at the end of 1992 to a low of \$12.39 in late February 1993.

Fourteen companies that had stopped paying dividends reinstated them in December, bringing the total for the year to 75. Last month's total was the largest for any month since June 1979, and the year's forme was the highest since year's figure was the highest since 1978.

of 266 in the recession year of 1990. Only twice in the last two decades have there been fewer companies eliminating dividends: 1987, with 104, and 1978, with 105.

The number of companies cut-ting dividends fell to 87 in 1993 from 131 in 1992 and from the 1991 peak of 187. The total was still a bit above the 1989 level of 85. The dividend drought was at its

worst in 1991, when only 1,086 comparies announced increases, the lowest since 1971 — a year in which federal wage and price controls had made it difficult for many companies to raise payouts.

Apart from 1970 and 1971, when those controls were in effect, the By contrast, 106 companies elim-inated dividends in 1993, down 1962.

12 Month High Low Stack

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TASHKENT. Uzbekistan — The former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan announced new corporate taxes on Tuesday and sharply raised the prices of some basic foods.

President Islam A. Karimov said in a decree that companies based in Uzbekistan and earning hard currency and sell part of their profit to the central bank." said the decree, carried in the official Narodnoye Slovo newspaper.

The decree, effective immediately, said that companies must be a fine that to central authorities and 5 per-nit to provincial or city bodies.

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Hong Kong Sets High, but China **Shares Tumble**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG -The booming stock market generated record vol-ume of 15.1 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.95 billion) Tuesday as the blue-chip Hang Seng Index The market ended well below its

rose nearly) percent to a record. high for the day, however, and Chinese shares traded in Hong Kong plunged as investors worried about the effects of Beijing's new tax and currency systems.

Bank of East Asia Seeks Stake in United Chinese

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG - Bank of East Asia, one of Hong Kong's largest listed banks, said Tuesday it was negotiating the possible purchase of a major stake in privately held United Chinese Bank.

In a statement to the Hong Kong Stock exchange, Bank of East Asia said it is talking with trustees of the S.K. Yee Medical Foundation.

Bank of East Asia made an unsuccessful bid for United Chinese Bank about a year ago. It may succeed this time, analysis say, since it is seeking a smaller stake.

United Chinese is a family-run institution; The owners want to keep a majority ownership of the bank, said Steven Thompson, analyst at Nikko Research Center Ltd. in Hong Kong, Mr. Thompson said be expects this new bid will work because each has something the

"United Chinese has a pile of deposits," he said. "It lends little and is active in the interbank market." But it has only two or three

Kong pullback a mild correction

dicted the index would continue to rise. Clive Weedon, director of institutional sales at Asia Equity, said: "The Americans and the Japanese remain very much underweight in the market. There are

The Hang Seng Index ended at 12,201.09, up 114.69 points, but well down from its midmorning, peak of 12,599.23. The index, which broke through the 12,000 level Monday for the first time, gained 115.67 percent in 1993.

Foreign and local buying, bolstered by confidence in the local real estate market, fueled the rises.

brokers said. Utility shares gained as attention turned to a sector that had underperformed. The Hong Kong market is expected to benefit from its role of provid-

ing access to the economic boom in China, analysts said, despite Thesday's decline in some Chinese issues. The Jan. I change in tax policy in China, which phases out favorable treatment of foreign companies, and the floating of the year near a value 33 percent below its former official rate provided "an excuse to take

profits," some brokers said. The currency-market change means companies such as Shanghai Petrochemical and Maanshan Iron & Steel, which trade in Hong Kong, can no longer get the U.S. dollars they need to purchase their imports at the old rate of 5.80 yuan. The new central rate is 8.70 years for a dollar.

Thai Stocks Set a Record Thai stocks began the year with their largest single-day gain ever, as the Stock Exchange of Thailand composite index surged 70.88 points, or 4.2 percent, to 1,753.77, iness News report-Bloomberg Busines ed from Bangkok

Land Boom in Hong Kong Some Say Properties Are Overvalued

HONG KONG - Rocketing real-estate prices in Hong Kong have led to some dramatic increases in the share prices and the net-asset values of realestate companies, but analysts are warning that the property market is close to being overheated.

There are certainly some stock prices that are

entering the realms of pure fantasy, especially some of the property stocks, the research director of Morgan Grenfell (Asia) Securities, Andrew Hall. said. "We are saying to clients that the risk-toreward ratio in property stocks is now unfavorable."

Sino Land Co. said Monday that the value of its property investments in the territory had risen sharply, leading to a doubling of its net tangible asset value, to 32.03 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$4.1 billion) from the 15.29 billion dollars stated in its balance sheet on June 30. The news sent Sino Land's share price up 1 dollar on Tuesday, to 13,90, after a rise of 80 cents on Monday.

But the rise did not impress some analysts. "The prices of the offices and the luxury residential in the Sino valuation were very aggressive, said Peter Churchouse, head of research at Morgan Stanley (Asia). The Sino Land revaluation was carried out by a real-estate broker, Chesterton Petty, on Dec. 20 because of the concern's plan to spin off its botel and restaurant interests into a

sparate, publicly traded company.

Sino Land's property, which includes prime of-

fice space in Hong Kong, increased 40 percent in value, to 6.53 billion dollars, according to a company statement. Real estate under development increased 6.02 billion dollars and unsold apartments rose 3.55 billion dollars.

We have to be getting to the top of the market looking at the prices achieved for the office space on this valuation and the low return on capital investment," said Kathleen Kearney, an analyst at Mees-Pierson Securities (Asia).

"Sino's figure are a bit too ambitious." said Ms. Kearney. "I would not like to see property prices pushed excessively; that is when it starts to threaten the banking system." Other analysis also question the values the company assigned to some of its propertics.

Charles Chan. Chesterton Petry's valuation director, said its valuation was justified, adding that the property values were similar to recent sales or asking prices in their respective buildings.

We believe our valuation reflects the fair market value of Sino's properties as at Dec. 20," he said. "Not all analysis would have our access to

rental schedules and recent sales." Despite his caution, Mr. Churchouse said "I still think the fundamentals of the property market are strong. Supply is tight, company earnings are strong, the stock is roaring. I can't think of anything but a political event which would shake the

Jardine Unit Jumps Back in Market

Land Holdings Co.'s announcement Tuesday that it would be a partner in developing a housing complex in Hong Kong may re-duce speculation that the Jardine Matheson unit is looking to quit

the territory, analysts said.

Jardine Matheson Holdings
Ltd. controls Hongkong Land,
which said it has reached a 50-50 joint venture agreement with Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd., one of the territory's largest real estate companies, to build 300 to 400 apartments on a site it owns in Yuen Long in the northwest of Hong Kong's New Territories. Hongkong Land, which owns many of Hong Kong's top office

HONG KONG — Hongkong and Holdings Co.'s announce square foot (90,000 square me ter) piece of agricultural land to Sun Hung Kai for an undisclosed sum as part of the deal. Michael Green, an S.G. Warburg director, estimated that Hongkong Land would make a profit of between 100 million and 150

> "Long-running investor concerns that the company is look-ing for an exit from Hong Kong are put to one side by this," said Michael Leary, real estate analyst at Lehman Brothers. "It reflects the management's intention to be more aggressive with

million Hong Kong dollars (\$12.8 to \$19.2 million) on the 100 hot in Hong Kong.

the sorts of investments it is

making right now." The deteriorating relations between Britain and China over Hong Kong's political future have undermined Jardine's position in Hong Kong as it is regarded by many as the embodiment of British colonial business interests in the territory.

The speculation about Hongkong Land's future in the territoincreased when it sold one of its major office towers in 1992. It also acquired a 25.3 percent stake in the troubled British conglomerate Trafalgar House PLC in the last 18 months, an investment regarded by some analysts as a pos-sible "bolt bole" if conditions get

China Gives Glimpse of Official Corruption

BELITNG - China gave a rare lock of Tuesday at how deeply corruption infects local governments, saying that more than 300,000 officials had been caught siphoning or misusing public funds

scribed a power structure in the eastern province of Anhai, where bribes. embezziemen: and kickbanks are a

Since a province-wide anti-corruption campaign was mounted last May. Anhai has discovered that public funds have been misappropriated to the name of 826 million yuan (\$143 million)," the offi-cial agency reported from Hefei, the capital of Anhui.

The number of officials involved in the spending of public funds on the education of their offspring and relatives totaled more than 500.000." it said.

Xinnua said some of the cases dated as far back as the 1950s, an era generally portrayed by state propaganca as one or socialist virtue and self-ess official sacrifice.

A Chinese journalist reached by telephone in Hefei confirmed the count of 300,000 officials, saying it was about one-fifth of all Anhui public servants. He said most had been disciplined but few prosecuted because the most common act of corruption, the unauthorized lending of public funds. was not technicaily illegal. They took advantage of legal loopheles to enrich them-

selves with money that belongs to the public," the reporter said. The largest case involved the misappropriation of 1 million

Anhui is one of China's poorest provinces and one where the gap between urban wealth and rural poverty has been growing.

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 Hong Kong. Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan were among the top 10 foreign investors in Vietnam in 1993, the official Vietnam News Agency said, with 375 investment projects totaling \$3.52 billion as of Nov. 30; that was 47 percent of the total number of projects approved and 51 percent of the total value of foreign investment for the year.

Vietnam is allowing foreign insurance companies to operate in the country for the first time, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

• Huslon Corp., a Malaysian company, has been authorized to build eight textile and dyeing plants valued at a total of \$242.7 million in Don Nai textile and dyeing plants valued at a total of \$242.7 million in Don Nai Province near Ho Chi Minh City, the Vietnam Investment Review said. • China's sales of personal computers rose 40 percent, to 350,000, last year, the English-language Chica Daily reported.

 Taiwan will remove a 30-year-old import ban on Japanese cars, seeking to bolster its bid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Shanghai's total of foreign investment grew 110 percent in 1993, to \$7.02 billion, the Xinhua news agency said.

Petron Corp., the Philippines' most profitable state-owned company, has applied to offer 15 percent of its stock to the public and 5 percent to employees in April and expects to raise \$214 million to \$571 million. Separately, the government said it expected to close the sale of 40 percent of Petron to Sandi Arabian Oil Co. this month. AFP, AP, AFX, UPI, Reasers

MCI: Company Unveils \$20 Billion 'Information Highway' Spending Plan Japanese Executives Offer

ses, with business as the initial target. MCI, with \$12 billion in annual revenue, holds 18 percent of the U.S. long-distance market, compared with AT&T's 60 percent.

the MCI announcement follows news of similar multibillion-dollar spending plans from several other American cable and telephone

These plans assume some form of convergence of telephone, computer and television technologies, but the eventual configuration is

far from clear. Moreover, mancan analysis are questioning the wisdom of some of the large expenditures planned.

One recent private estimate was that a completed nationwide information superhighway would require more than \$400 billion in private.

investment.
MCT's president, Bert Roberts, said Tuesday that the strategic alliance announced last year between MCI and British Telecommunications.

PLC, calling for BT to invest \$4.3 billion in MCI, would provide the largest part of the additional cash needed for the superhighway

MCI will probably spend at least \$10 billion itself, he said, with the unidentified partners

providing the rest. British Telecom not only would get the U.S. profits from its 20 percent stake in MCI but also would seek to extend the technological advances and communications services that it provides beyond the Western Hemisphere, Mr. Roberts said at a news conference.

Clobelly MCI and BT will be hattling

Already, MCI said Tuesday, it has upgraded and expanded about half of its U.S. long-distance network by using advanced fiber optic

cable and software and a new generation of switching equipment. It said the full domestic upgrade would be completed by the end of this year and extend to lines across the Atlantic and

Pacific in 1995. The upgrading last month of a New York-Los Angeles fiber optic link, for example, allows the National Science Foundation, one of the largest users of the global internet computer network, to transmit data at 2.5 billion bits a

second, 15 times the previous speed, MCI said. The foundation's network carries a volume of data each month equivalent to the holdings of the Library of Congress, America's central li-

TOKYO - Top executives of 100 leading Japanese companies issued dire economic forecasts for 1994, predicting recession and offering little hope for job seekers, according to two newspaper polls published Tuesday.

who responded to a poll by the Yomium Shimbun predicted the Sixty-seven of 100 executives economy would contract in the fi-nancial year that ends March 31. It would be the first year of recession

Three of four chief executives

ment in 1994-95, with economic growth of less than I percent.
About half of those polled ruled out any sign of recovery until 1995-96, a finding echoed in a similar poll by the Mainichi Shimbun.

Mainichi, in its survey of 100 leading companies, found many executives were seeking to cut surplus

Forty-six of those polled said they wanted to cut the number of employees, with most favoring a freeze on hiring of recent college graduates. ates. Others cited attrition or trans-fer of employees to branch offices.

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Like Him or Not, Oilers Need Him

By Michael Wilbon Washington Past Service

Does Buddy Ryan have the Houston Oilers over a barrel or what? For the next three weeks, or as long as the Oilers stay alive in the NFL playoffs, he's the 900pound elephant who can sit wherever he wants.

With Ryan coordinating Houston's defense, the Oilers have an 11-game winning streak, the NFL's longest season-ending streak in 21 years. With Ryan calling the defensive signals, the Oilers have become a team that's able to win outside, in the cold, against NFC teams. With Ryan, the Öilers are what the Raiders used to be: talented, nasty, bodacious, cantankerous, effective and probably even just a little bit

Without the Budman, the Oilers are, well, you know, soft. Just another pretty, indoor, AFC team capable of blowing a 35-3 lead in the playoffs and incapable of beating anybody with real muscle.

The Oilers are as dependent on Ryan as the Chiefs are on Joe Montana, as the Cowboys are on Emmitt Smith. Which is why there's little if anything the Oilers can do about the fact that Ryan is a com-plete fool, as evidenced by his punching offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride on the sideline Sunday in the Astrodome. Ryan's justification was that Gilbride had squandered a chance to run out the clock in the first half with the Oilers ahead, calling a pass play that led to a fumble recovery by the Jets.

Yes, you can be a great coach and a complete fool. The two are not mutually exclusive as anybody who has ever watched Bob Knight can attest. Ryan is a great coach, maybe the best defensive coach in the history of pro football. Ryan is also a bully who has been getting away with this behavior all his 59 years. Even so, he - with the help of linebacker extraordinaire Wilber the most compelling NFL story

The AFC is positively chock-full

Injured Smith Says He'll Play

Emmitt Smith was still in pain from a shoulder separation, but he told Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson he'll be ready for the playoffs. The doctors were talking like I'd be out three to four weeks but it's oing to be more like seven to 10 days," the NFL's rushing champion said

"He'll play a week from Sunday." Coach Jimmy Johnson said. The prognosis wasn't so good, however, for the New York Giants' star offensive tackle, Jumbo Elliott, who has decided to have major back

surgery, possibly as early as this week. The surgery would end Ellion's season just as the Giants are entering the playoffs.

While Elliott was not available Monday for comment, several people familiar with the situation said he informed coaches and several players that he was in so much pain after the 16-13 loss to Dallas on Sunday that he changed his mind about waiting until the end of the post-season to Elliott has several inflamed disks as well some irritating spurs in his

back, according to people familiar with his condition.

As for Smith, he spent Sunday night in Baylor University Medical Center after the Giants game. "I'm glad I did," he said. There's still a lot

With his right arm dangling at his side during much of the second half, Smith finished with 32 carries for 168 yards.

team will be collectively ready for the psychiatrist's couch after two 15. Meanwhile, the Patriots, Sea-

All in all, it's tough for the NFL to have a better story line to start the playoffs. Or for that matter, to end the regular season. Where are all you people who mosned and whined about how bad the NFL was this season? All we had Sunday were three overtime games, one of the best games of this or any other season between the Cowboys and Giants, the Dolphins and Jets unable to secure playoff berths by losing to teams with nothing at stake, a 59-year-old man punchi his assistant on the sideline, and a guy who should have been in the infirmary winning the game and his third straight rushing title.

As it turns out, every team in the title game, 1991). Marshall - has made the Oilers NFL showed improvement as the NFL showed improvement as the Three teams in the AFC can get year went on, except the Redskins, to the Super Bowl, the Bills, Chiefs Colts and Rams. This is not the and Oilers. Bills-Oilers The Sequel crowd you want to run with. The in Rich Stadium on Jan. 23 would

of playoff intrigue. The big ques-tion about the Oilers is whether the phins fell off the table but at least they were in contention into Week hawks - and to a lesser extent, the

What else would you want over the

Two teams in the NFC can get to the Super Bowl, the Cowboys and 49ers. The Giants blew their shot Sunday when a division championship and home-field advantage gave way to a wild card and a Jan. 16 trip to either Dallas or San Francisco. The Giants would love for Green Bay, the lower seed, to unset

travel to Candlestick, where the Giants have won before (See NFC

Detroit and force New York to

more drama-packed than a Cowboys-Niners rematch. As much as I'd love to see Joe Montana vs. the 49ers in the Super Bowl, what we're probably looking at is either a Texas shoot-out or the Bills as "Jason," the team that won't die. Regardiess, as long as we get the Cowboys or Niners, the Bills, Oilers or Chiefs, there would seem to be enough excitement to go around on the final Sunday, Jan. 30.

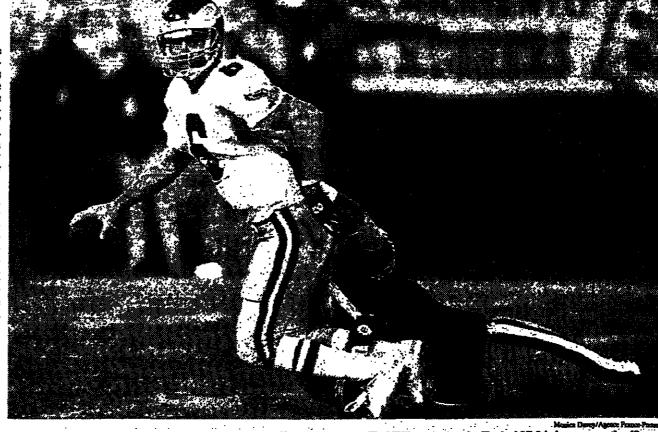
By that time, should the Oilers still be alive. Ryan will probably have a drill where the players prac-tice hoisting him onto their shoul-ders and walking off the field. This precisely what happened when ne Bears won the Super Bowl in 1986. They carried him off the field. This was about 10 weeks after Ryan nearly came to blows with the head coach, Mike Ditka.

Ryan, in the 1985 thriller between the Dolphins and undefeated Bears in the Orange Bowl, as-signed a second-year linebacker named Wilber Marshall to cover after unsuccessfully trying to get Ryan to replace Marshall with a cornerback, had one final solution for his stubborn defensive coordi-

Buccaneers — established them-selves as legitimate competitors for day night on the sideline, "let's settle this out back." Maybe Ryan next season. Even the Bengals looked respectable by season's end. isn't a complete fool after all, because he backed down, knowing past six weeks of the season that it Ditks would have knocked his head off. But Ryan ultimately did enough things his way and the Bears won.

Two weeks ago in Pittsburgh after a gigantic mad victory - the kind the Oilers were almost incapable of pulling off before Buddy one offensive player shrugged his shoulders when asked about Ryan. "Look, the guy is a great coach," he I've ever been around. But with the results he has, you have to let him

And that's probably what the Oilers, players and coaches and club officials will do; let Buddy be, and keep their guard up



Philadelphia quarterback Bubby Brister trying to shake off San Francisco's Karl Wilson during the Eagles' 37-34 victory over the 49ers.

A Loss to Eagles Leaves the 49ers Concerned

SAN FRANCISCO - It was supposed to be a mere tuneup for the San Francisco 49ers. What they need now is a brake job, a realign-

Philadelphia 37, San Francisco 34 does not inspire confidence.

There is the temptation to say it doesn't matter, not with Steve Young and Jerry Rice and Ricky Watters and John Taylor, the stars of the team, playing little more than half the game Monday night to protect them for the playoffs.

In any case, breakdowns on the defensive line and in the secondary allowed the Eagles (8-8) to get away to a 24-3 lead. And although the 49ers (10-6) caught up, they eventually lost their third game in the

And with less than two weeks to go before the 49ers' first playoff game against Minnesota, the New York Giants or Detroit, Coach George Seifert is worried.

"They have to realize they can't expect to get off to this kind of start and still win a ball game," he said.

"I think this team, we don't realize our potential," Rice said. "It's up to the older guys to let the younger guys know that we're only go-

ing to get one shot at the playoffs. and one 32-yard pass from Bubby You can't come out lagging. You've Brister to James Lofton. got to come out 100 percent."

score at 24-24, with a 38-yard TD pass to Taylor, before he came out. And backup Steve Bono kept the 49ers flying with the Eagles to 34-34 with the help of Mike Cofer's 29-yard field goal with 12 seconds time Ruzek did not miss. left in the fourth quarter.

32-yard field goal attempt that threw for two touchdowns, come could have won the game in over-pleting 15 of 19 for 165 yards and time, the 49ers defense let the Ea-

The 49crs caught a break right there when Roger Ruzek's 38-yard field goel attempt drifted wide right. But a roughing-the-kicker penalty on Merton Hanks gave Ruzek a second chance from 28 yards and the clock reading 00:00. This

Still, Young won a third straight NFL passing title — something no But when Cofer barely missed a other quarterback has done, Young pleting 15 of 19 for 165 yards and finished with a 101.5 rating. He gles go from their own 22 to the edged Dallas's Troy Aikman, who 49ers' 21 with a bunch of short runs coded the year with a 99.0 rating.

Colombia's Challenge Is to Keep Its Exotic Talents in Line

LONDON — One door opens, another closes. The new year is a two-way process for two of soccer's most colorful, most

captivating personalities. In Colombia, Rene Higuita, the national goalkeeper, has been released on bail after seven months imprisonment awaiting trial for allegedly acting as a go-between negotiating the freedom of a kidnapped girl. In Turkey, Tanju Colak, the golden boot

of goal scoring, starts a sentence of four years and eight months for smuggling a Mercedes car into Ankara. Their advocates depict them as victims of their own fame. It is as if Higuita and



Colak, mavericks of their trade, were being made examples of unforgiving juridical attitudes. As outsiders, we are in no position to judge. But as Higuita emerges thinner and less humorous after his hunger strike in jail, as Colak goes down, we can see that sport does not absolve a man from the recriminations of the law.

Sport, in other words, is merely a branch of life.

Life on the extremes when it comes to Higuita's Colombian teammates. There is a growing conviction down South America way that Colombia, the team that demolished Argentina, 5-0, in Buenos Aires, has the most exciting, most exotic collection of individual talents on earth.

They also have a rhythmic style - slow slow, quick, quick, quicker — that could toy with opponents in the heat and humid-ity of the World Cup in America this summer. The Latin game, retaining possession, waiting and plotting the moments to burst goalwards, is more likely to prevail in those conditions than the methodical, dehydrating running of Europeans.

But Colombia? Has it the dis dependability, to go seven games in a at Panna, can be sure he will turn up for month for the supreme prize?

For the sake of Francisco Maturana, the national coach who set aside his professorship in dentistry at the University of Antioquia, I would like to think so.

Maturana, 44, a former central defender. has spent seven years opening the once that he has sent his wife and young son clamped mouth of Colombian soccer. He home to Colombia while he pursues the rejected his country's defensive neurosis, favors of a porn actress.

skills, and he set the path of a now-rare with me." soccer philosophy of allowing individuality eathe spontaneously within a team.

imagination at the Barcelona Olympics. Whatever moves Asprilla - and it

Parma in Italy — is hard to govern. It comes and it goes. No defender can counter it because not even Asprilla knows a journalist for asking what that name is.

"I've forgotten it," he responded. "It's the age of 12 never had to express himself the age of 12 never had to express himself. Unfortunately, no one, not Maturana and not Asprilla's club coach Nevio Scala

training, let alone matches.

Parmalat, the paymaster of Parma, has so far been benevolent. It plans a promotional push into the United States around him.

But right now the Italian media are enjoying the wild side of Asprilla, reporting that he has sent his wife and young son

tels, he befriended players who came from press: "He hasn't scored many goals lately to the harsh environs of Medellin, at the the mean streets with nothing but their ... and he certainly is not going to score age of 12 "to teach him the realities of life."

Yet, there is always the danger of such a fessor knows that managing soccer players factory to help his family, he took a degree policy self-destructing. Maybe it is already is like running a large family; Asprilla is beginning. Take Fanstino Asprilla, the legone of nine children, and a formal education at the National Institute of Commerce.

At 21, he graduated. By then he was

At least he knew his father. Others in the blossoming as an entirely self-taught socteam admit they were abandoned in early cer player, one who conditioned himself to moved him to a \$4 million transfer to childhood. Defender Luis Carlos Perea training alone each night after studies. went through the courts removing his facomes and it goes. No defender can ther's name from his passport, and rebuked runs of the stry, sometimes match winning

not worthwhile remembering." Peres in any other way than with a ball at his feet. and with midfielder Leonel de Jesus Alvárez, whose mother had to take in sewing through the night to provide for her brood.

"One day," Leonel used to tell her, "I His midfield partner Gabriel Gomez is another street-wise player. Gomez has a will be rich, and you will live like a queen. father who came to the end of his tether with a miscreant youngest son expelled

from school for putting dead lizards in the

he ignored threats on his life by drug car- She, Petra Scharabach, has told the teacher's desk. He sent him to Guayaquil

Contrast that to the studious Alexis An-A nice mess developing for one of Maturana's potential world stars. But the proquilla. At 16, sent to work in a plastics

The articulate Mendoza often sparks the

Carlos Valderrama, the giant of Colombia's creative midfield, was known at the age of 9. He is a product of the beach

soccer on Colombia's northern coast. Valderrama, by turns actor, play-maker not achieve in 1994. And that, a mirror to life, is all or nothing.

Rob Huehes is on the staff of The Tim

Petitbon and Glanville Lose Coaching Jobs

The Washington Redskins and the Atlanta Falcons dismissed their head coaches on Tuesday after disappointing seasons in the

National Football League. Richie Petitbon was dropped as coach of the Redskins four days after the team finished its worst season in three decades. Petithon, 55, the team's defensive coach since 1978 who patiently waited for a chance to run the Redskins, was out after one season. The Redskins finished last in the NFC East with a 4-12 record.

"With regret and after much thought, I have decided to release Richie Petitbon as head coach," Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke said. He called Petitbon "a personal friend of mine for years."

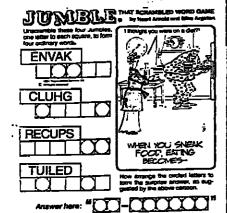
The Washington Post reported that the Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, 41, tops the Redskins' list of candidates. Jerry Glanville, meanwhile, was dropped as coach of the Falcons after a 6-10 finish in the NFC West. Taylor Smith, the Falcons president, said, "We felt it necessary to make this change now so we

can start early in making the right decisions for '94." "Many of the reasons we did not make the playoffs this season are not the fault of Jerry Glanville," he said, "but the head coach is

ultimately judged on the won-lost record of the team." The Falcons opened the season with five straight losses and closed with three. They were 28-38 in four years under Glanville. Smith said the search for a new coach would begin immediately.



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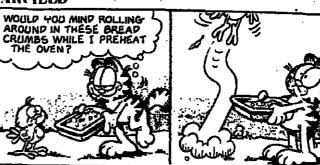
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Lendl Fails to Hoist the Stars and Stripes

Tuesday as his adopted country was to lose his first match on any U.S. swept out of the Hopman Cup team _ team. minament by unseeded Germany.
The Czech-born Lendl, who moved to Greenwich, Connecticut, 10 years ago and became an Ameri-can critizen in July 1992, and his Karbacher will do little to quell the partner Mary Joe Fernandez were outplayed by the more youthful

and Anke Huber.

The Germans waitzed into the semifinals of the mixed competition with convincing singles wins.

The 33-year-old Lendl was hammered 6.3 6.1 in the 72 mixed. German due of Bernd Karbacher mered, 6-3, 6-1; in just 73 minutes his first career win over Lendl was a by the pencil-thin Karbacher, who possibility and, timing the ball is 25. Before that, Fernandez had sweetly, clinched victory. been coolly taken apart, 6-2, 7-6, by

Huber, who is 19.

The Americans won the meaningless doubles 8-5 in a pro set was laci Two of Lend's former compani- will see ots, meantime, clinched a place in the last four when the top-seeded Czech Republic beat Switzerland, 2-1; largely thanks to Petr Korda. been freed
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court you don't look up at the PERTH, Australia - Ivan scoreboard to see what is written Lendl's debut for the United States next to your name." Lendl said proved an embarrassing flop on when asked if he was disappointed

> Lendi has been busy this week deflecting enquiries about how long he intends to keep playing and

He made a string of errors in the first set, barely hit a third of his

"It tells me quite a few things about my game. I didn't play very well," admitted Lendl. "Whether it was lack of match play or not, we "It is always difficult to your first

match of the year." Karbacher conceded he had been freed from pressure by

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MONDAY'S RESULTS

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time, I thought 'I can best him'," he you have to take risks if you're nandez dumped a backhand in the

playing a top player."

Lendi finished last year ranked
19th in the world. It was the first time since 1979 that he had finished with a ranking below the top 10. in a career that has produc singles titles, Lendl won only two events in 1993 - at Munich and

Tokyo.

Lendi had hoped to use the Hopman Cup as part of his preparation for the Australian Open, which begins Jan. 17 in Melbourne. He now will practice in Sydney before playing in next week's New South Wales Open.

Huber started the rout by playing far too steadily for Fernandez, who has three Grand Slam finals to her credit. The German has been practicing all week with close friend Andrei Medvedev and had an edge in power and accuracy over Fernandez in their baseline rallies. "If you practice with the male players it gives you an advantage because the men hit the ball faster

than the women," Huber said.
Her win over the world No. 5

The German took the decisive said. I tried to dominate him ... second set tie-break 7-4 when Fer-

> Germany, which won the tournament last year when Michael Stich and Steffi Graf formed the team, now meets Austria in Thursday's second semilinal.

The Czech combination of Korda and Jana Novotna face Australia in the other semifinal on Wednesday, a tough proposition for the home nation if Korda repeats the form that dazzled Swiss pair Jakob Hlasek and Mannela Maleeva-Fragniere.

Korda, who beat world top two Pete Sampras and Michael Stich on successive days to win the Grand Slam Cup last month, destroyed Hlasek 6-0 6-2 and his contribution then typed the scales in the deci-

Novotna had earlier given her partner plenty to do by losing her singles match against Maleeva-Fragnière, 6-4, 7-5.

Last year's Wimbledon finalis has yet to win a singles match at the



event in three attempts.

(Reuters, AP) Ivan Lendl, representing America for the first time, during his loss to Bernd Karbacher of Germany.

George Washington Stumbles

OLEAN, New York - When St. Bonaventure upset George Washington, the Colonials' coach was pretty sure he knew what had hap-

For one thing, Coach Mike Jarvis said, his 23d-ranked team obviously took St. Bonaventure lightly Monday night with No. 7 Temple coming up Saturday. More impor-tant, he said, the George Washington team obviously thinks it's better than it is.

"My guys probably have been reading the paper and believing that because they're ranked in the top 25, they can just step out on the court and automatically magic's going to happen," he said.

The magic, if there was any, was all on St. Bonaventure's side as the Bonnies won their first Atlantic 10 Conference game in the last 18 tries, 71-67.

St. Bonaventure improved to 4-5. and 1-2 in the conference, while George Washington fell to 6-3, 0-1 with its second loss in a row. Center Jeff Quackenbush's 3-

And throughout the game, he played tough defense on George Washington's 7-foot-1 (2-18-meter)

center Yinka Date. Dare finished with his average in points (17) and rebounds (8), but

he also had three turnovers. "I just tried to use my hands a lot more than I have before," said

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Quackenbush, who is five inches snorter and 45 pounds (20.4 kilograms) lighter than Dare. "I got some fouls, but I stole it from him a couple of times."

Harry Moore had 22 points for St. Bonzventure, while Quacken-bush finished with 14.

No. 1 Arkansas 96, Southern Methodist 70: In Fayetteville, Arkansas, the Razorbacks (9-0) forced 30 turnovers and pulled away with a 17-2 run midway through the second half. Al Dilard had 18 of his 23 points in the sec-

pointer with 1:20 to play put the Bonnies up for good 68-67. ond half to lead Arkansas, which had 17 steals.

84: In Ann Arber, Michigan, the Wolverines (8-2) bounced back from their thrashing at Arizona last week with their highest point total of the season. Jimmy King had 12 of his 18 points in the first half.

No. 19 Minnesota 71, NE Illinois 62: In Minneapolis, Voshon Le-nard had 17 points as the Golden Gophers (9-3) dominated inside The Golden Eagles (6-6) shot 20 percent, had 11 turnovers and were outrebounded 34-19 as they trailed 45-19 at halftime. Reggie Smith scored 25 of his 27 points in the second half for the Golden Eagles.

Virginia 59, UNLV 39: In Las Vegas, Nevada, Junior Burrough scored 19 points for the Cavaliers (6-3) and their defense held UNLV to the lowest point total in the school's history. Earlier teams scored 41 in games in 1958 and

The Runnin' Rebels (4-3) shot just 22 percent from the floor on Monday.

Sick Player Keeps Utah Healthy

The Associated Press

night's 115-85 victory.

SALT LAKE CITY - Karl Malone was feeling ill and was relieved he was needed for only 30 minutes against the Dallas Mavericks. He still finished with 19 points. nine rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots in Monday

"I've got this cold, you know, and it was a back-to-back game," he said,

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after Sunday might's 92-90 victory at Portland. "Plus, we've got to get ready for Phoenix" on Wednesday. "So it was sort of neat to take

some time off," he said. John Stockton thought so, 100. "We've got a tough stretch here this week. Five games in seven nights is a real load, said Stockton, who had 10 points and 12 assists in

28 minutes. The win was Utah's fifth straight, ninth in its last 10 games and 10th straight at home. It was Dallas's 26th loss in 28 games. Tom Chambers scored 20 points

for Utah. Jim Jackson led the Mayericks with 23 points. The Mavericks got within 60-52 with 7:21 left in the third quarter when Popeye Jones was called for a

flagrant foul for elbowing Karl Malone in the head. Dallas coach Quinn Buckner was assessed a technical for protesting,

and Derek Harper then drew a technical as well. Stockton made three of the four free throws to put Utah ahead, 63-52. ■ Lakers and Sonics Fined

The NBA on Monday fined half a dozen players for lighting during last Wednesday's game between the Lakers and the Seattle SuperSonics in Los Angeles, Agence France-Presse reported from New York.

The Lakers' Doug Christie was fined \$3,500 for starting the fracas late in the third quarter. He pushed Seaule's Ricky Pierce, who was fined \$2,500 for fighting back. Anthony Peeler of Los Angeles was fined \$2,500 for grabbing

Pierce and pushing him. James Worthy of Los Angeles and Sam Perkins and Vincent Askew of Seattle were fined \$2,500

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A Hitler's Birthday Game?

BONN — German and English soccer officials will meet this month to decide whether to go ahead with an exhibition match in Hamburg in April on the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday, a German official said Tuesday.

The Germans have already given up hopes of staging an under-21 game against England in the city the day before the April 20 exhibition because they feared clashes between rightist extremists and some of the numerous leftist groups in Hamburg.

Horst Schmidt, general secretary of the German soccer federation, said Tuesday that the federation planned a meeting with Hamburg officials, who are worned about security, and English Football Association chiefs to discuss the possibility of crowd trouble.

"We have received a letter from the English

federation and from leftist groups who are expressing concern about the match, Schmidt said. A spokesman for the FA in London denied sending the German federation a letter regarding schooling the Octavian reteration a second regarding that

discussions with the federation would continue. Schmidt added: "Later this month we plan to meet Hamburg officials and it is proposed that the

English will be represented. "The leftist groups in Hamburg believe it will be

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ome to the match." Hamburg council spokesman Peter Kelch said the city's security department was worried about the match in the Volksparkstadion on the ourskirts

"We were given this date without having a chance to object to it," Kelch said. "We are very, very worried about the date." The German soccer federation is considering

various possibilities, including advancing the But it looks likely that the federation may have to move the match to another city or possibly abandon it altogether and choose another oppo-nent in the world Champions' build-up to the

World Cop in June. Schmidt said moving the game forward 24 hours would not necessarily stop trouble.

"People who are going to take advantage of the match on the 20th could also use the 19th," he said. "The problem is that this date has taken on a

significance that it has not had for decades. "As far as we are concerned it has no value. And we are going to do everything we can to battle against it," the soccer official said. "England-Germany is very special for us. We don't get the chance to play each other very often."

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Fresh Charges In Racist Attack On U.S. Sledders

RERLIN - Nine German neo-Nazi skinheads who attacked U.S. luge team members at a training center in October will be charged with grievous bodily harm, prose-cutors said on Tuesday. State prosecutor Erich Rachor

said charges would be brought soon against the nine for their involvement in a racist attack on the American athletes, two of them black, outside a disco in Oberhof. A separate trial for two leaders of the attack, who were charged in December with grievous bodily harm, will start Jan. 17 in Suhl, court officials said. If convicted, the 16-year-old and 21-year-old defendants would face up to five years in jail Rachor said it was

probable that the U.S. athletes would attend the trial as witnesses. The U.S. hase team, which had been training in Norway for the Chympics, will return to Oberhol Jan. 10-16 for a World Cup competition.

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NORTH AMERICA

Ireland's 'Great Book'

By Diane Nottle

New York Times Service ALWAY, Ireland - The GALWAI, Ireiano Book of Kells, the illuminated manuscript of the Latin Gospels that is one of Ireland's national treasures, has survived 1,000 years, give or take a century or two, and is priceless. Now a group of poets and artists have created The Great Book of Ireland," which they bill as a modern-day Book of Kells and fervently hope will also last 1,000 years. It's for sale, with an asking price of \$1.5 million.

The 144-page "Great Book," a collaboration of 140 poets, 120 artists, 9 composers and a calligra-pher, was completed in October after Allen Ginsberg became the last poet to pen his contribution on a natural vellum page.

Among its contents are the last effort of Samuel Beckett, a musical setting of a poem by the mythologist Joseph Campbell and companion poems by Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill, considered the most important poet writing in the Irish language today, and Bella Akhma-dulina, a Russian poet. The roster also includes Seamus Heaney, John Montague, Derek Mahon, Paul Durcan, Richard Murphy, Bren-dan Kennelly, Ciaran Carson, Ted Hughes, Thomas Kinsella and Michael Longley.

The "Great Book" is a joint pro-ject of the Clashganna Mills Trust, which advocates independent living for people with disabilities, and Poetry Ireland, which promotes its art through readings, participation in arts festivals and a quarterly magazine. The idea originated in a conversation between Theo Dor-gan, the administrator of Poetry Ireland, and two Clashganna executives. The two groups were looking for a bold fund-raising venture that would produce something of

They originally talked of a book combining perhaps 50 poems with the work of a single artist. "Choosing the early contributors was deceptively easy: The big names, the declare themselves," Dorgan wrote in a brochure. "But then subtle shifts began to insinuate themselves: What about artists or poets who have fallen silent? What about artists and poets in exile?"

From there, the project mush-roomed into something that would, in Des Kenny's words, "get people practicing Irish literature and art to create a book that would remain a monument to work being done at the end of the 20th century." Kenny is a member of the family that runs Kenny's Bookshop and Art Gallery in Galway, which was commissioned to catalogue the book

and find a buyer for it. Each pair of pages is a collaboration of one or more poets, an artist and the calligrapher, or scribe, as Kenny prefers to call Denis Brown. First the poet wrote the words, then Brown embellished the lettering and the designated artist went to work.

The first two contributors were Seamus Heaney and John Monta-gue on June 11, 1989, commemorating a joint reading to celebrate their birthdays. "We're not sure who put pen to paper first," Kenny but the other followed in

Many others followed, too, and not all of them were comfortable working in their assigned medium: India ink on vellum, a fine parchment made of calfskin, lambskin or kidskin. "Ginsberg was working in a room full of people, and he was rather nervous," Kenny said.

His brother Conor Kenny added: "Most of them were terrified, the artists and the poets. Some did their pages in their own homes, in the dead of night, on single pages." He said one poet was so agitated he would write a line, then get up and pace the room until he calmed

The vellum also challenged the artists, most of whom had never worked with it before. "Artists had to face the nightmare of one chance only, on an unfamiliar surface, a living material which stretched and shrank as it was wet or dry, a subtly uneven surface containing minute amounts of natural oils," Dorgan wrote. On some pages, the vellum is cut away or has holes that were left when it was made, and "that be came the starting point for the artwork," Des Kenny said.

The organizers hope a donor will I sometimes think my desire for excellence comes from me wanting to convince him I was right." buy it and place it in the National Library in Dublin, under glass, with one page turned a day, just like the Book of Kells in the Trinity College library nearby.

Jeanne Moreau, Breaking All the Rules

By Bernard Weinraub

New York Times Service
OS ANGELES — She sat in the lounge of a Beverly Hills hotel, smoking cigarettes, her voice raspy, her wide-set brown eyes narrowing as she spoke. "I'm 65, I'll be 66 in January," Jeanne Moreau said with a shrug and laugh, "What should I do? Shoot myself? I've never worried about age. If you're extremely, painfully fright-ened of age, it shows. Life doesn't end at 30. To me age is a number, just a number. Who cares?"

Moreau took a long drag on her cigarette. "There's a great line in my new film," she said. "The line is, 'I always thought I would die young, but now it's too late. Again,

In her newest film, "The Summer House," Morean plays an exotic half-British, half-Egyptian woman with a lamboyant sexual past who arrives in a drab London suburb and comically helps save a young woman from a disastrous marriage. ("I'm marrying a man nobody likes," complains the young woman. "I thought it was just me.")
The English movie, which also stars Joan Plowright, was

made by BBC Films and released by the Samuel Goldwyn Co. The film was directed by Waris Hussein and written by Martin Sherman. Its reviews have generally been highly favorable. Writing in The New York Times, Caryn James called the film charming and said Moreau's performance was "over the top and tremendous fun to watch."

In addition to appearing in at least two films that will be released in 1994 and planning to direct her second movie, Moreau is also carefully helping to select films for a retrospective of her work in February at the Museum of

Modern Art in New York City.

She made her directing debut 20 years ago with "Lumière," which was critically well received. This spring she plans to direct a film with Carole Bouquet, a drama about marriage and relationships. "The closer you come to death, you feel more of a responsibility for your work, for what you've done," she said. "The intensity of my work

... amazing."

Moreau, who has acted in more than 90 films, accepted the role in "The Summer House" for two reasons. One was that the role of the seductive, flaming-haired and unconventional woman, circa 1959, was, well, a perfect Jeanne Moreau part. "I've shunned convention and routine my entire life," she said. "Breaking the rules fascinates me But there was also a personal reason for making the

film, with its British cast and crew, Although Moreau is widely viewed as quintessentially French, she's actually half-English and spent part of her childhood in Britain. Her mother, Kathleen Buckley, went to Paris to dance in a Josephine Baker show at the Folies-Bergère. Then she met my father, who owned a place called La

Cloche d'Or in Montmartre, where artists and writers used

to go for supper," said Moreau. "She got pregnant. She got married. She gave up dancing. And she regretted not being an artist." Her parents separated when she was a child. Moreau said quietly: "With this picture, I'm paying tribute to my mother. It's difficult to explain. Maybe it's the fact of my aging. She has been gone five years. It's very personal. I loved her very dearly. She was very helpful to me when I wanted to be an actress." She laughed and continued: "My father, on the other hand, said no, no, no.

It was "Jules et Jim" (1961), François Truffaut's classic drama of three people in love, that turned Moreau into an international symbol of romance, passion and the free-



Actress Moreau: "Life doesn't end at 30. To me age is a number, just a number. Who cares?"

spirited discarding of convention. Her films include "La Notte," by Michelangelo Antonioni (1962), "Diary of a Chambermaid," by Luis Buñuel (1964), "The Trial," by Orson Welles (1963), "Viva Maria!," by Louis Malle (1965) and "The Bride Wore Black," by Truffant (1968).

Moreau is president of the French commission that dispenses subsidies to French filmmakers. Despite her official position, Moreau views as somewhat silly France's fears of American culture swamping Europe. This was a central unresolved issue in the recent trade agreement between the United States and Europe. "Nobody forces the European audiences to see American films. When I see them, I am rewarded. Even the B films. There's so much energy, so much craft, and if there is a weakness on the part of the Europeans, it is a self-indulgence." On a personal level, she makes it plain that the obses-

sion with age in the United States, which is perhaps greater than in Enrope, discomforts her. She has no interest in facial surgery. You have to have other interests in life besides your own face, your own past. I try to see aging as a privilege. Aging allows me to do anything I want. It gives me freedom to speak up and tell the truth."
"You see the pain in women about getting old, and it's not only the actresses," she said. "But I just worry about

being alive, taking care of my life. I mean I'm an actress but also a woman. The actress keeps the woman and the woman keeps the actress. The whole aim of my life is to say: 'Beware, don't be trapped by what people expect of you. Just go your own way."

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Moreau has been married twice. Before she was 20, she was married briefly to a writer, Jean-Louis Richard, They had a son, Jerôme Richard, who is a painter living in Los Angeles. Moreau spent the holidays with her son and remains close to her first husband. In 1977, she married the American director William Friedkin; they were marthe American director withain Priedkin; they were mar-ried for two years, living in New York and Los Angeles. Did she like those cities? She shrugged. "It's not a question of liking or disliking New York or Los Angeles," she said. "It's the question of the marriage."

Moreau lives in Paris now. Actually, the actress said,

except for her troubled marital experience here, she adores the United States and has no patience for Europeans who scorn the country. "When I hear people in Europe talk about 'the Americans,' I say, 'You don't know a thing about the Americans.' This is an incredible country. May-be because of the way it started. Like a holy land, a new Jerusalem. I walk the streets in Boston and Baltimore and Washington and New York, and it's thrilling for me.

Everyone is so . . . different. It's so mixed."

Looking ahead, Moreau said that although acting has indeed been central to her life, it hasn't been absolutely necessary. She said she has always been consumed more with her personal life than with her career. "I could live without acting," she said. "Even if it meant less money. live my life at a very personal pace. Sometimes my main problems have nothing to do with acting. Acting is a gift I've received. And I'm grateful for it and I enjoy it. But it's not the main point of my life. It never was."

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Roseanne Tells All: It's One Day at a Time

The cover of Vanity Fair may show Roseanne Arnold in a lacy bra and black corset getting ready for a party but the comedian says she is not a happy person. In a no-holds-barred interview in the magazine, and worked as dren. Now, she said a good day is when I can live one day and feel like I want to live. Every day I have to decide whether I am going to live the whole day through.

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Steven Spielberg went two for two with the National Society of Film Critics, winning the best di-rector award and best picture sward for "Schindler's List" Holly ter was named best actress for "The Piano," and David Thewas best actor for "Naked."

French government ministers on Tuesday presented the straitlaced Prime Minister Edouard Balladar with the works of the ribald writer François Rabelus. Simone Veil, the social affairs minister, asked her 28 fellow ministers last month to contribute 1,000 francs (\$170) each for 👩 the nine-volume set as a Christmas gift for Balladur.

Jane Kramer, the Paris correspondent for The New Yorker magazine, has won the Charles Veillon Prix Européen de l'Essai for her book "Europeans." Kramer, who also won the National Book Award in the United States in 1981 and the National Magazine Award in 1993, is the first woman and first American to win the Swiss prize since it was started in 1975.

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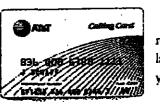
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